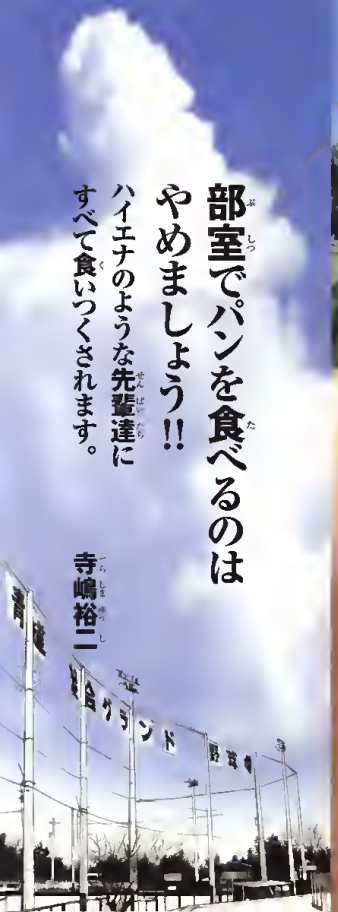
部室でパンを食べるのは
やめましょう!!
ハイエナのような先輩達に
すべて食いつくされます。

寺嶋裕二



Ace of Diamond

ダイヤのA エース

5

寺嶋裕二

Shonen Magazine Comics

KCM3821

KC MAGAZINE

ダイヤのA

5

寺嶋裕二

講談社

9784063638219

雑誌 42266-21

ISBN978-4-06-363821-9

C9979 ¥400E (0)

1929979004002

Ace of Diamond

残り2つの一軍昇格枠をかけた
二軍最後の練習試合、対黒士館戦!!
クリスの出場で、沢村は投手として
さらなる進化を遂げ、試合の流れも青道ベースに!
だが、クリスを知る敵ベンチの男・財前の策で、
沢村とクリスのバッテリーは窮地に追い込まれ‥!?

絶賛好評発売中

KC 寺嶋裕二作品

■GIANT STEP 全4巻

■ダイヤのA ①～

以下続刊

COVER ILLUSTRATION★YUJI TERAJIMA
COVER DESIGN★KAZUHIRO FUKAJIMA

2007 4

KC MAGAZINE

5
寺嶋裕二
ダイヤのA
エース

主な登場人物
片岡 鉄心
プロ入りよりも母校である青道の監督を選んだ男。指導の厳しい鬼監督。
高島 礼
青道高校野球部副部長。沢村をスカウトした。
吉川 春乃
青道高校野球部マネージャー。沢村と同じクラス。少しおっちょこちょい。
滝川・クリス・優
才能あふれる捕手だったが故障のため現在二軍。沢村とバッテリーを組む。野球知識が豊富で、的確に沢村を指導。三年生。
降谷 暁
剛速球が武器の投手。打撃力も怪物クラス。沢村最大のライバル。一年生。
増子 透
パワー系スラッガー。沢村との対決では、高校野球の厳しさを教える。沢村と同室。三年生。サード。
倉持 洋一
沢村と同室。沢村をイジメるのが好き。二年生。ショート。
沢村 栄純
長野の弱小チーム出身。熱くて涙もろい。気持ちで戦う投手。出所の見えないクセ球が持ち味。一年生。
御幸 一也
青道高の要。投手の才能を引き出すことに長けている。新聞に取り上げられる、他校の監督が熱望するなど超有力選手。二年生。
丹波
変化球が持ち味の投手。不調に悩むが、新人の入部が刺激となり復活の兆しが?
小湊 春市
株。バットコントロールが抜群。三年の小湊亮介は兄。一年生。セカンド。

第32話／打者の力量・・・5
第33話／引　導・・・25
第34話／師弟の絆・・・45
第35話／あの背番号に・・・・・・65
第36話／決着、そして・・・・・・85
第37話／強くなれ・・・105
第38話／変わった？・・・125
第39話／雨の日に・・・145
第40話／合宿スタート・・・165

●掲載／週刊少年マガジン2007年第6号～第14号

この物語はフィクションであり、
実在の人物・団体・出来事などとは、
一切関係ありません。

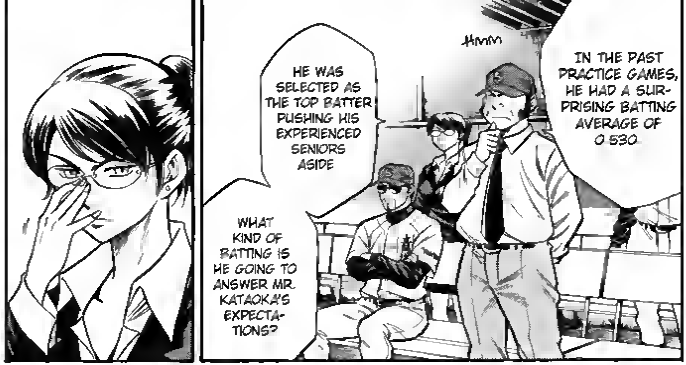
CONTENTS

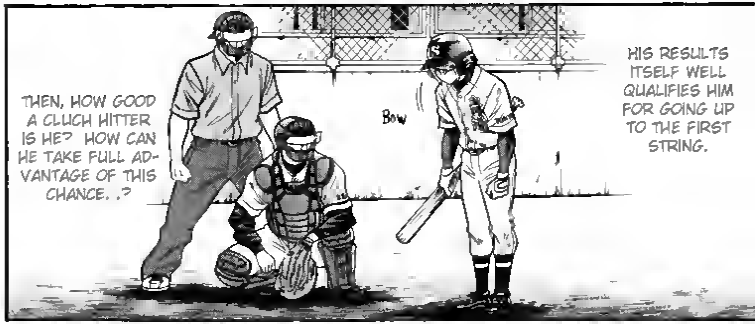
sfx: bat hitting ball lightly
tinnh
Zuu Lexus
BX005
WHA...
!
!!
CHRIS-SENPAI EASILY REACHED SECOND!
H... HE INCREASED THE CHANCE WITHOUT TROUBLE.
sfx: slide
MUAAA!
SA... SAWAMURA SUCCESSFULLY BUNTED?
toon
toon
W... WELL-PLACED, AND THE BALL'S SLOW ENOUGH!!

Chapter 32 - A Batter's Ability

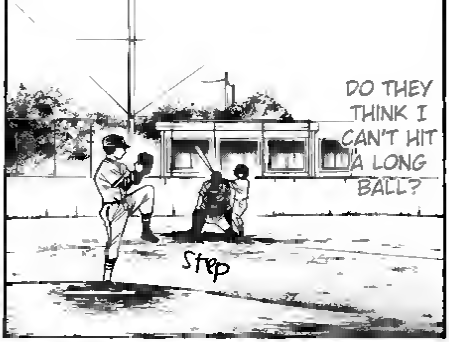
sfx crowd shouting
Nobody knew why, but Sawa-mura had one specialty: Bunting...
I WANTED TO HIT IT, LIKE, BANG! AND GET CHRIS-SENPAI BACK HOME
GRRR... WHAT DO THEY THINK I AM!?

WILL THEY BE ABLE TO INCREASE THE LEAD?
IT'S GOING TO BE THE CLIMAX OF THE INITIAL PHASE.
sfx. audience murmuring
AND THE TOP OF THE BATTING ORDER IS COMING UP.
ONE OUT, RUNNER ON SECOND.
THAT'S WHAT I TOLD YOU...
EXCUSE ME?
wahahaha!
HARU-TCHI--! RELAX, RELAX!!
IF YOU GET TOO TENSE YOU CAN'T SWING THE BAT RIGHT
WHO WOULDN'T WANT TO MEASURE UP TO THEIR EXPECTATIONS !?
sfx. tsuka tsuka
BUT... NOW THAT THE BATTERY BROUGHT ABOUT THIS CHANCE,
shuddle


IN THE PAST PRACTICE GAMES, HE HAD A SURPRISING BATTING AVERAGE OF 0.530
HE WAS SELECTED AS THE TOP BATTER PUSHING HIS EXPERIENCED SENIORS ASIDE
WHAT KIND OF BATTING IS HE GOING TO ANSWER MR. KATAOKA'S EXPECTATIONS?


HIS RESULTS ITSELF WELL QUALIFIES HIM FOR GOING UP TO THE FIRST STRING.
Bow
THEN, HOW GOOD A CLUCH HITTER IS HE? HOW CAN HE TAKE FULL ADVANTAGE OF THIS CHANCE. .?

THE ENTIRE OUTFIELD IS DRAWN IN SO THAT THEY CAN THROW TO HOME EASIER



sfx: drawing back the bat

sfx: hitting the ball hard

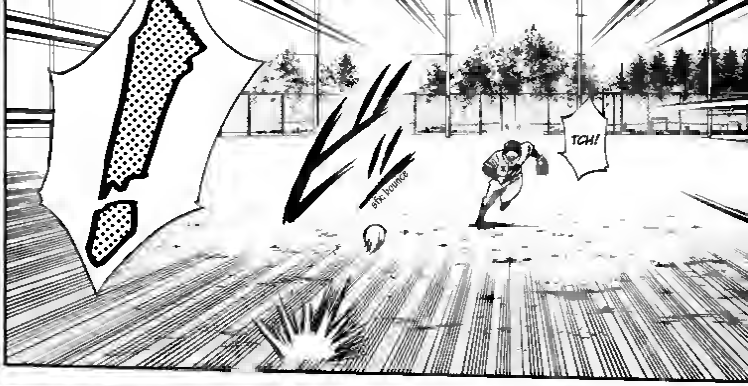
sfx: ball soaring high

FOUL!!
sfx: audience chattering
sfx: ball flying
H!!
H!!
H... HE CAN HIT A LONG BALL !!
THAT SMALL GUY TOOK A FULL SWING!?
HMMM, MAYBE I SHOULD HIT FURTHER
THE INSIDE-HIGH PITCH WAS MEANT TO FORCE HIM AWAY FROM THE PLATE, RATHER THAN A STRIKE SO THAT THE FIRST PITCH WOULDN'T GET HIT. YET HE STILL GOT IT THAT FAR.
TH... THIS BRAT!

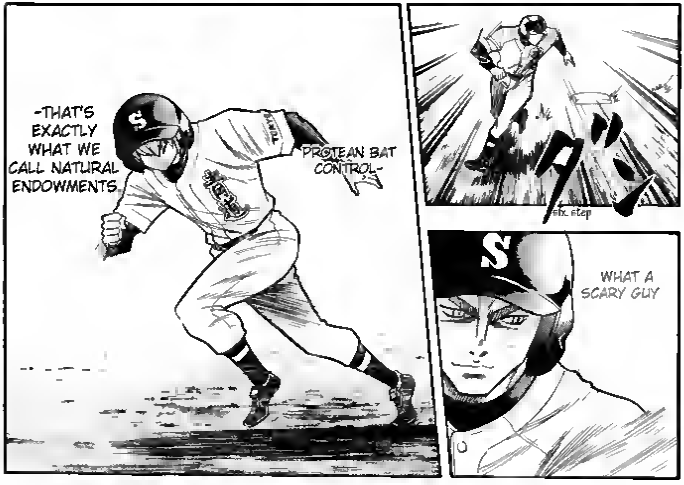
EITHER WAY, IT'S STILL A CLUTCH
BUT... EVEN IF WE DO THAT WHAT COMES NEXT IS THE SECOND AND THIRD BATTERS TOP OF THE BATTING ORDER.
DO WE STICK TO SLOW BALLS EVEN IF WE GIVE THEM A BASE FROM BALLS?
WHAT'RE WE GOING TO DO...? FIRST IS EMPTY
pfx. holding out mitt
ALL WE CAN DO IS TAKE A CHANCE !!
SHIT.
HEY IS IT REALLY OK THAT WE'RE THIS CLOSE?
step
IT'S STILL THE INITIAL PHASE. WE SHOULD LOOK OUT FOR LONG HITS, TOO.

STOP THINKING THIS OR THAT AND-
TAKE THEM DOWN BY FORCE, THAT'S ALL!!
IT'S JUST THEIR SECOND STRING WE'RE UP AGAINST
BASTARD.
HIT IT IF YOU CAN-
MY BREAKING BALL, A SLIDER CURVING AWAY OUTSIDE.

sfx: bat hitting ball
R... RIGHT,
THROW TO THE PLA...
YOU KNOW, YOU HAVEN'T PITCHED ANY-THING ELSE ♪
!
WHOA!


TCH!
SFX: BOUNCE

WHY ARE YOU BACK THERE!?
Y... YOU JERK!


-THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT WE CALL NATURAL ENDOWMENTS.
-PROTEAN BAT CONTROL-
SFX: STEP
WHAT A SCARY GUY

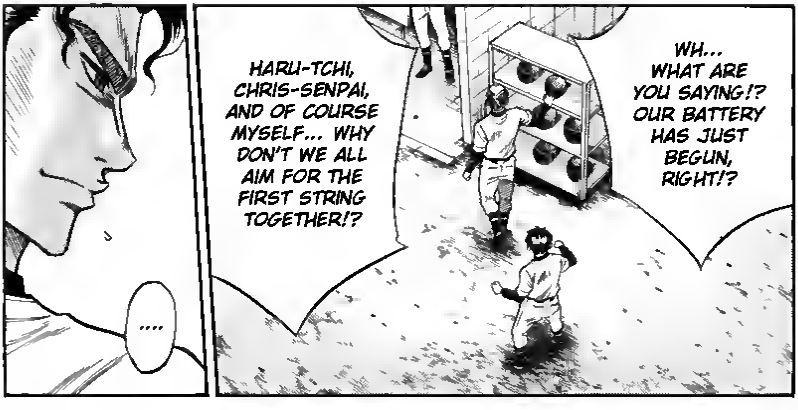
SAFE !!
HIS BASE-BALL SENSE MIGHT EVEN BE SUPERIOR TO HIS BIG BROTHER'S.

YEAAH, THIRD POINT!!
MY BUNT PLAYED A SIGNIFICANT ROLE AFTER ALL!!

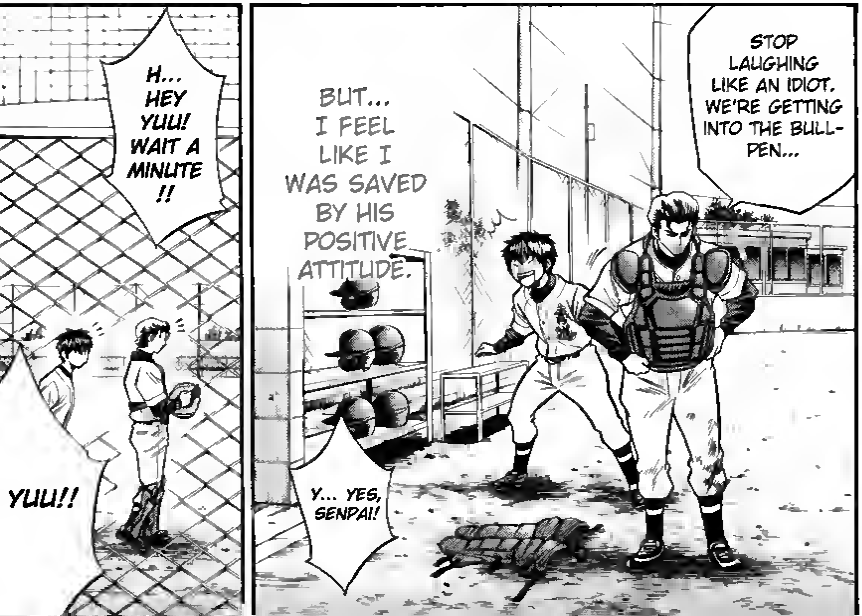
Muahaha!
YOU EXAGGERATE THAT TOO MUCH...
WE THREE MADE THIS HAPPEN TOGETHER, RIGHT?
NICE BUNT, ME!!

sfx takes off helmet
sfx clack
...
High touch
ANYWAY, NO TIME TO CONGRATULATE YOURSELF LIKE THAT.
HURRY UP AND GET IN THE BULLPEN.

EH!?
GIVE ME THE VERY BEST BALL YOU'VE GOT.
THIS WILL BE THE LAST INNING OF YOU AND ME AS A BATTERY.


....
HARU-TCHI, CHRIS-SENPAI, AND OF COURSE MYSELF... WHY DON'T WE ALL AIM FOR THE FIRST STRING TOGETHER!?
WH... WHAT ARE YOU SAYING!? OUR BATTERY HAS JUST BEGUN, RIGHT!?

Hahaha!
NO MORE THAN TWO ARE ADMITTED TO THE FIRST STRING
THAT SEEMS TO HAVE TOTALLY SLIPPED YOUR MIND, THOUGH


H... HEY YUU! WAIT A MINUTE !!
YUU!!
BUT... I FEEL LIKE I WAS SAVED BY HIS POSITIVE ATTITUDE.
Y... YES, SENPAI!
STOP LAUGHING LIKE AN IDIOT. WE'RE GETTING INTO THE BULL-PEN...

sfx: step firmly
Haa
Haa
FATHER ...
....
sfx: clench teeth
UNDER HER GAZE, IN UNFAMILIAR ENVIRONMENTS-
I SINGLE-MINDEDLY SWUNG THE BAT UNTIL I RETIRED-
ONLY PLAYERS CAN UNDERSTAND PLAYERS' FEELINGS.
STOP IT, ANIMAL!
THAT'S ENOUGH !!
DON'T RUSH! SLOWLY !!
YES... THAT'S RIGHT.

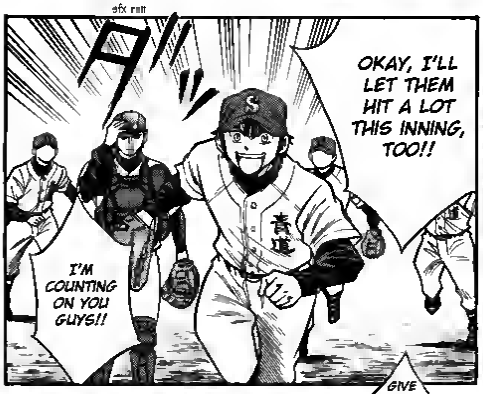
IN ORDER TO PROVE MY PRESENCE-
IN THIS FOREIGN COUNTRY JAPAN...
...RE
HANG IN THERE... YUU...
YOU WON'T REGRET WHAT YOU DO, THAT'S WHAT REALLY MATTERS-
...
DO YOUR BEST
...

THANK YOU... FATHER...
OUT !!
sfx: clank
I FELT LIKE I HIT A HOME RUN OUT OF THE PARK!
MUAAA, WHHYYY !?

THERE'S PUNCH IN MAEZONO'S BATTING, BUT... HE EASILY OVERSWINGS...
SHUT UP!!
MAEZONO-SENPAI, RELAX, RELAX!!
IF YOU GET TOO TENSE, YOU CAN'T-
TAKING EVERY FACTOR INTO CONSIDERATION, I THINK KOMINATO IS AHEAD OF OTHERS..
AND DESPITE HIS BREAK...
CHRIS' LEADING WITH SAWAMURA, HAS ALLOWED NO POINTS SO FAR...
BUT... THAT PITCHING FORM, HIDING THE RELEASE POINT, AND HIS MOVING BALL
WHAT IF SAWAMURA GETS MORE STABILIZED?

Hah
AND OTHERS FROM THE SECOND AND THIRD YEARS - I WOULDN'T BE SURPRISED IF ONE OF THEM IS SELECTED AS A FIRST STRING MEMBER...

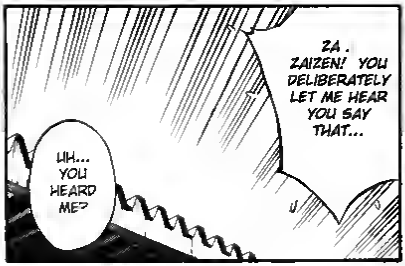
I WONDER WHO MR. KATAOKA IS SELECTING...
JUST TWO OUT OF THEM...

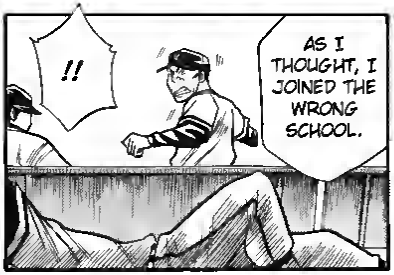

sfx rattle
OKAY, I'LL LET THEM HIT A LOT THIS INNING, TOO!!
I'M COUNTING ON YOU GUYS!!

GIVE THEM LESS WALKS BEFORE YOU SAY THAT, IDIOT!!

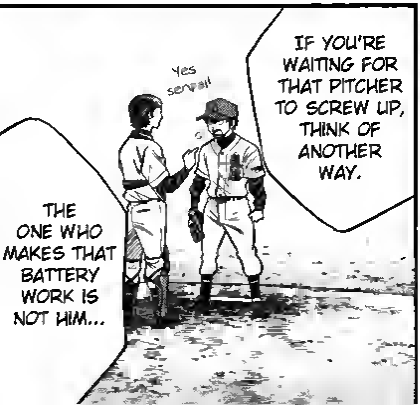
.....

AS THINGS ARE NOW, WE CAN'T GO TO KOSHIEN THIS SUMMER AGAIN.
TCH... WHAT'RE YOU DOING, HE'S JUST A FIRST-YEAR PITCHER.
HOW EMBARRASSING...





sfx sits up slowly


IF YOU'RE WAITING FOR THAT PITCHER TO SCREW UP, THINK OF ANOTHER WAY.
Yes sensei!
THE ONE WHO MAKES THAT BATTERY WORK IS NOT HIM...

IF YOU WANT TO AIM AT SOMEONE, AIM AT THAT CATCHER !!
WHEN IN JUNIOR HIGH HE WAS SO MUCH OF A MONSTER, BUT-
HE'S IN THE SECOND STRING OF SEIDOU NOW.
Heh heh heh
EH?
HE ONCE HAD HIS SHOULDER BROKEN. HE'S A WRECK NOW.
Counting on you, senpai!
青道

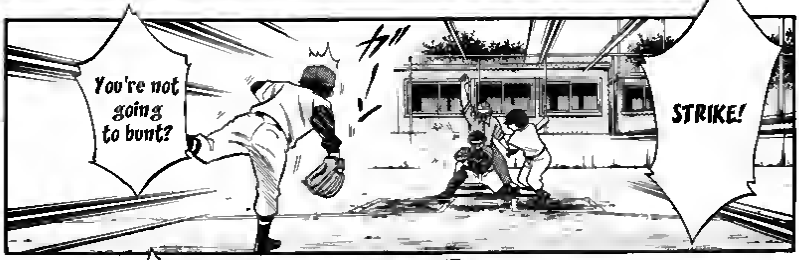
CHAPTER 33:
Requiem
ダイヤのA
エース

S
B
O
チーム 一 二 三 四 五
黒士館 0 0
青道 2 1
tsk
Another bunt!?

Ball!
Whoa!

Why are you guys only setting up to bunt!!?
Kuohhh-hhhhh!!!
Safe!!
IS THIS A TACTIC TO DISRUPT SAWAMURA?
JUST LIKE THE LEAD OFF BATTER, THIS GUY IS ALSO BUNTING.
KUH KUH
YOU'RE RIGHT!
WELL YOU DIDN'T NEED TO RESPOND LIKE THAT
You walked the lead off again!
Stop getting distracted by them putting up a bunt stance!!
EIJUN-KUN, CALM DOWN
JUST LET THEM BUNT IF THEY WANT, THEY'RE GIVING US A FREE OUT
TOKYO

KEEP IT UP, GET IN HIS HEAD!
MAKE SURE HE ISN'T HIMSELF ANYMORE!


You're not going to bunt?
STRIKE!

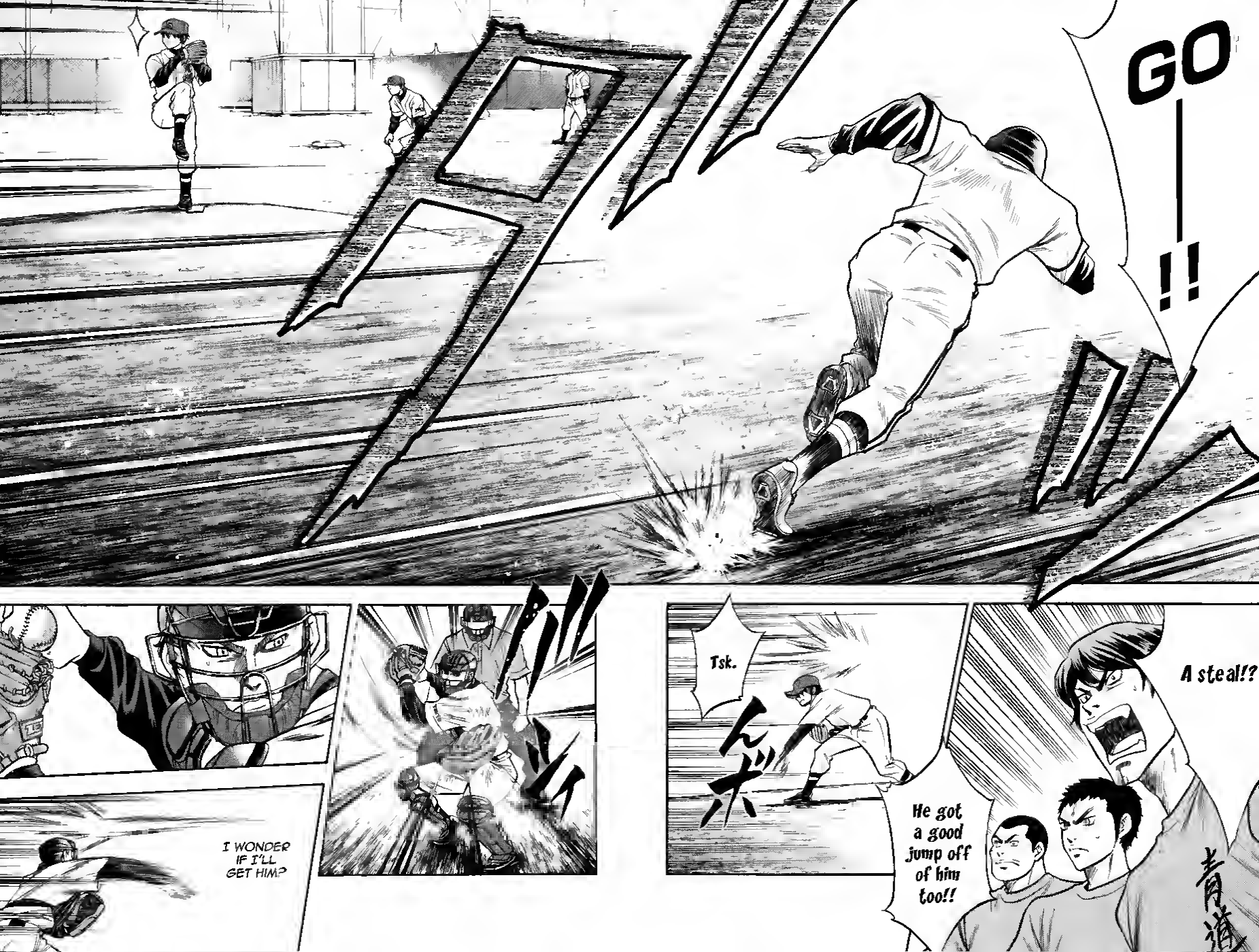
Safe!
THAT WAS CLOSE!

I KNOW HOW HE FEELS
THAT FOOL IS LETTING EVERYTHING AROUND HIM DISRUPT HIS RHYTHM

I WONDER HOW THEY'RE GOING TO ATTACK NOW?
FULL COUNT,
1 OUT, RUNNER ON FIRST
青道
青道
BUT THIS IS EXACTLY WHAT YOU WANTED, RIGHT SAIZEN?
KUH KUH
スッ
!
What?
Bunting with 2 strikes!?
PITCH LIKE YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO.
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT.
RAH!
ズ!

Ahh, he bunted it foul!
What a waste.
-IN CASE U DON'T KNOW THAT'S STRIKE 3-
Alright, there's 1 out!
カン!
THAT'S RIGHT, YOU'RE AT YOUR BEST LIKE THIS!
YOU MADE HIM THROW SO MANY TIMES.
KUH KUH KUH— THIS IS PERFECT.
IT'S PRETTY DIFFICULT TO GET A READ ON HIS PITCHES
S-SORRY ABOUT THAT
1 out!
WE'RE NOT TRYING TO DISRUPT THE PITCHER

WE'RE GOING AFTER THAT CATCHER.
TOKYO
HE HURT HIS SHOULDER AND HASN'T PLAYED FOR A FULL YEAR.
IF HE THROWS NOW, HE'S BOUND TO MAKE AN ERROR.
ANOTHER BUNT?
ザッ


GO
!!
I WONDER IF I'LL GET HIM?
Tsk.
He got a good jump off of him too!!
A steal!?

Safe!
Huh?

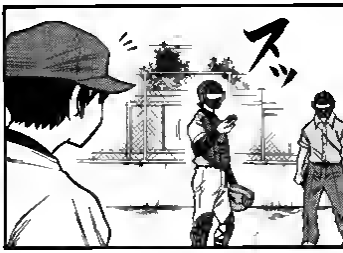
!
!
!!
.....
.....
KUH
KUH KUH
THAT CATCHER MADE A THROWING ERROR!?
WHAT WAS THAT? DID HE SLIP OR SOMETHING?

Just like I thought, he isn't totally healed yet!!
What happened to that laser beam throw to second base!?
Kuh ha ha ha ha!! What is that!?

Run all over them!
Run like hell!

DON'T WORRY, I'M FINE

I KNEW YOUR SHOULDER WASN'T HEALED YET
CHRIS -SENPAI


スッ

S
.....
YUU...
1 OUT!
INFIELDERS, 1 OUT AT A TIME!!
Right!
OUTFIELDERS, PREPARE TO THROW HOME!!
SAWAMURA, DON'T WORRY ABOUT THE RUNNER, AND FOCUS ON THE BATTER!!

RIGHT!!
DAMMIT, IT'S BECAUSE I LET HIM GET SUCH A GOOD JUMP OFF OF ME
YOU CAN BUNT AS MUCH AS YOU WANT

I'M ONLY GOING TO BE LOOKING AT CHRIS-SENPAI'S MITT FROM NOW ON!!
RAH!

H-he got it down!
But it hasn't lost any speed!
Ohhhhh!
I GOT THIS!
TOKYO
WILL I GET THE RUNNER AT THIRD?
TOK
Leave it to me!!

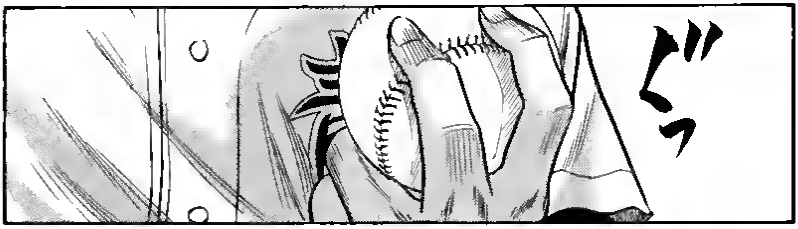
STOP, YOU WON'T MAKE IT IN TI...
No...
SAFE!!
Sa...

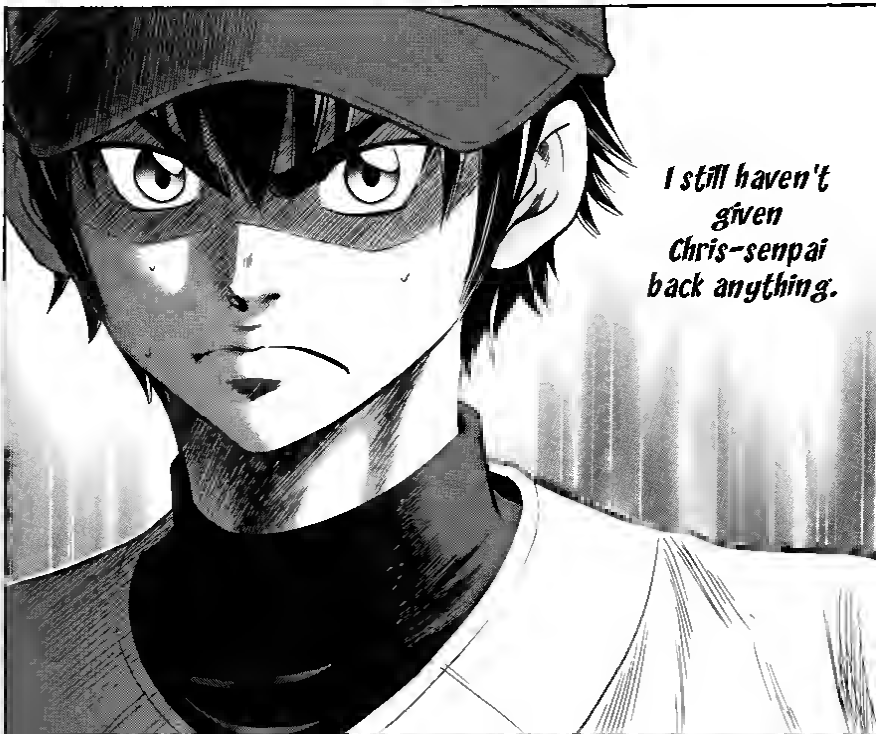
What's wrong with that catcher, his throws have gotten really poor all of the sudden.
Whoa... safe at third on the fielder's choice*.
Now the runners at first and third are safe.
SENPAI...
CHRIS
*A FIELDER'S CHOICE IS A PLAY WHERE THE BATTER WOULD NORMALLY BE OUT, BUT THE FIELDER DECIDES TO FORCE ANOTHER RUNNER TO KEEP HIM OUT OF SCORING POSITION
∴ THE BATTER MAKES IT SAFELY TO BASE. IT DOESN'T COUNT AS A HIT
YOU'RE JUST A SHELL OF YOUR FORMER SELF.
WITH JUST 2.5 YEARS OF HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL,
WHO WOULD'VE KNOWN THAT A FULL YEAR OFF WOULD MAKE SUCH A DIFFERENCE...
ガッ
ガッ
ガッ
ガッ

AS YOUR FORMER RIVAL IN THE SENIOR* LEAGUES,
IT'S MY DUTY TO PERFORM THE LAST RITES FOR YOU.
黒士館
*AS OPPOSED TO LITTLE
S-SAIZEN!?
……
……
Will the momentum fall to the opponents now?
1 out, runners on the corners.
And to think it was the catcher's, the one who pulled the team together, errors that made this situation.

my mistakes are now causing the whole team trouble...
Dammit, what the hell am I doing?
I got my wish to be in a battery with Chris-senpai, but...

3 INNINGS
THE CHANCE YOU'VE BEEN GIVEN ONLY LASTS
SAWAMURA.
PITCH THE VERY BEST YOU CAN,


ぐっ


I still haven't given Chris-senpai back anything.

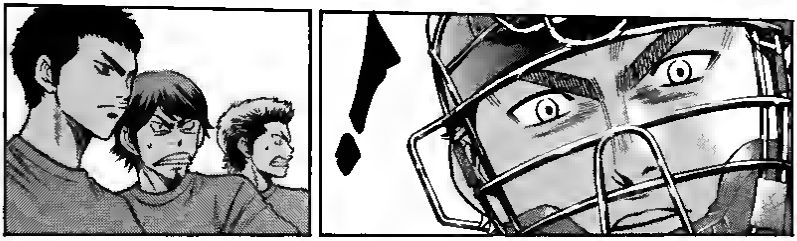
34: The bond between student and teacher.

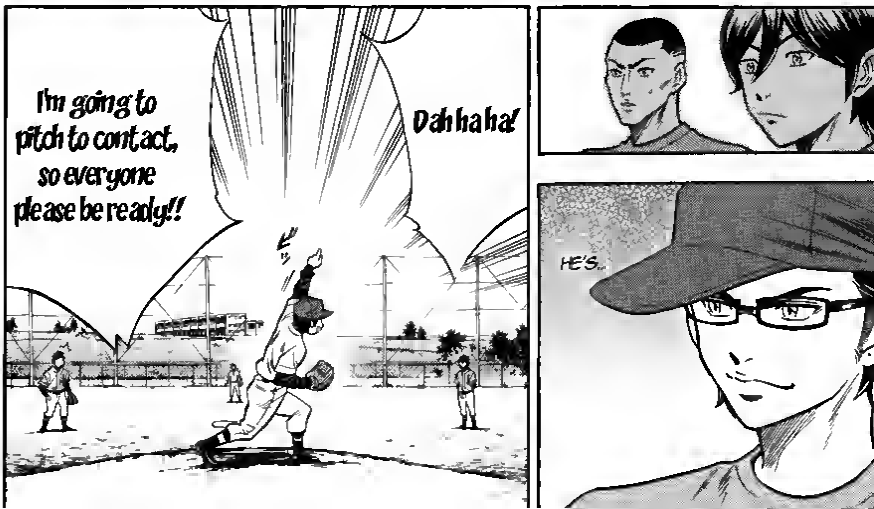
I'LL KEEP HIM AT BAY!!
1 OUT, RUNNERS ON THE CORNERS.

ISN'T THAT ZAIZEN NAOYUKI?
ZAIZEN ?
What kind of beast is he that he did that to the two of you?
Are you serious!?
YEAH, I COULDN'T DO ANYTHING EITHER
IN MIDDLE SCHOOL, I GOT THE GOLDEN SOMBRERO FROM HIM
青道
青道
HOW HAS YOUR SHOULDER BEEN SINCE THEN?
I MET YOU ONCE IN THE HOSPITAL, RIGHT?
!
...
WHAT'S SUCH A GOOD PITCHER DOING IN THE BATTER'S BOX?

OH,
SO I WAS THE
ONE THAT WAS
BEING TARGETED.
!
OR WILL
THEY PLAY
SMALL
BALL?
WILL THEY
GO FOR THE
JUGULAR?
HOW WILL
THE OTHER TEAM
ATTACK US NOW?
1 OUT
RUNNERS ON
THE CORNERS.
Chris-
senpai!!
DAMMIT,
I'M SO PATHETIC...
I KNEW THAT
I'M NOT THE SAME
AS I ONCE WAS, BUT...
OR WILL THEY
HAVE THE RUNNER
ON 1ST RUN AND
COMPLETELY
FORCE ME
OUT OF THE
GAME?
ぐっ

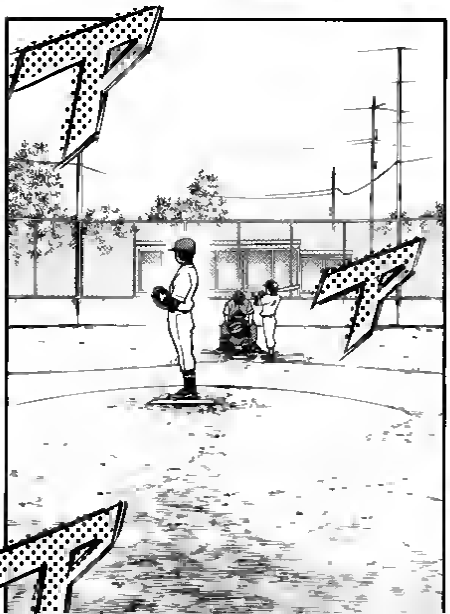
LET'S FOCUS ON THE BATTER!




I'm going to pitch to contact, so everyone please be ready!!
Dahhaha!
HE'S...

HAH.
HA HA
ALRIGHT!!
You're doing that again...
IT'S NOT LIKE YOU HAVE ANY OTHER OPTIONS
YEAH.
YOU'RE QUITE FUNNY, YOU KNOW THAT KID!?
HAHA- HAHAHA!! BRING IT!!
HE'S MORE CALM IN THIS SITUATION THAN I AM.
HMPH, I CAN'T BELIEVE HIM.
YOU SHOULD BE CAREFUL WITH HIM, ZAIZEN
I'm going to make you cry!!
Before I leave this batter's box, you'll be crying!!

IT'S NOT THAT EASY TO HIT HIS PITCHES.
HUH?
ピッ



HOW DARE YOU IGNORE ME AND GO STAND IN THE BATTER'S BOX?
THAT DAMN FOOL.

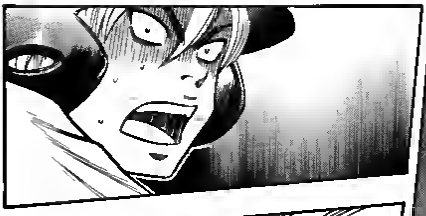
K
K

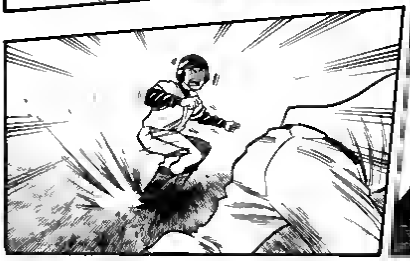
THAT KID WITH THE TWINKLE IN HIS EYE,
I CAN'T STAND THIS.
AND THIS FOOL HERE WHO'S PUT HIS TRUST IN A LITTLE FRESHMAN.
DAMN IT ALL...

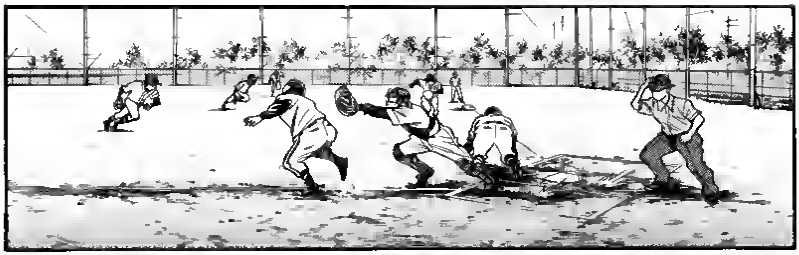
DO YOU THINK WE'LL JUST SIT HERE AND LET YOU DO WHATEVER YOU WANT!?
HAHA!!! WHAT THE HELL DO YOU MEAN FOCUS ON THE BATTER!?
A squeeze play on the first pitch!?
WHA!?

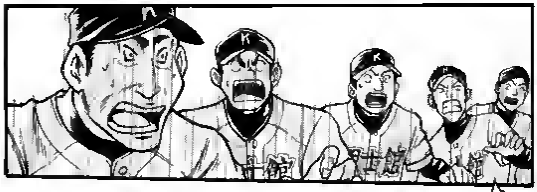
HE BOUNCED THE PITCH!?
WHAT...
He just made things worse on himself!!
A... wild pitch!?

K









Ohh!

Hi...

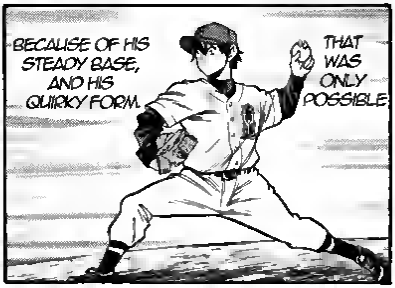
THE SQUEEZE PLAY HAS FAILED!!
He did bounce the pitch on purpose?
Although the result is a wasted scoring chance.
Yeah right, that was just a wild pitch.

It's all because of that catcher's fine play in stopping that wild pitch!!
D-DID HE KNOW WHAT I WAS GOING TO DO?
.....
HE DID IT AGAIN
青道
THAT PITCHER COULDN'T...
Y-YEAH RIGHT...
HAH..
HA HA HA

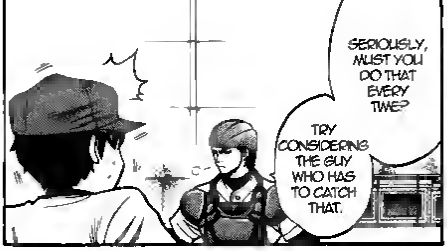
JUST LIKE THAT TIME.

HE THREW THE BALL INTO THE GROUND.
ONCE HE SAW HIM SET UP FOR THE BUNT,

TO BE ABLE TO STOP THAT BALL!
THE TRUST HE PUT IN HIS CATCHER

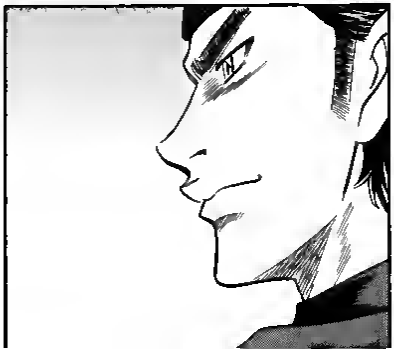

BECAUSE OF HIS STEADY BASE, AND HIS QUIRKY FORM.
THAT WAS ONLY POSSIBLE.

AND OF COURSE.


SERIOUSLY, MUST YOU DO THAT EVERY TIME?
TRY CONSIDERING THE GUY WHO HAS TO CATCH THAT.

I ONLY REACTED ON THE SPUR.
I-I'M SORRY, CHRIS-SENPAI

ドン
HOWEVER,
THAT WAS A GOOD READ.



HA HA HA!
THOSE TWO MAKE A PRETTY GOOD BATTERY.
Chris-senpai has it really hard though.
YEAH
EIJUN-KUN IS REALLY UNPRE-DICTABLE!!
青道
It's quite a shame this is only a junior varsity match,
right Furuya.
I'D LIKE TO PITCH IN A MATCH MYSELF.
T-THIS IS ALMOST TOO MUCH FOR MY HEART TO TAKE
NICELY DONE, CRAZY BOY
THE RUNNER ON FIRST ADVANCED TO SECOND, BUT NOW WE HAVE 2 OUTS
YOU CAN PITCH WITH NO WORRIES, RIGHT?

I'LL BE WAITING FOR YOUR BEST PITCH.
SURE!!
LET'S ALL MAKE IT TO THE VARSITY TEAM!!

Chapter 35: That jersey number...

K
Ohhh!
カキーン
ガン
カッ
カッ

WHOA, HOW MANY PITCHES DOES THAT ONE MAKE?
HE'S REALLY HANGING IN THERE!

DON'T LET THOSE FEELINGS YOU HAVE NOW WANE, SAWAMURA
HIS CONTROL IS STILL A LITTLE WEAK, BUT HE'S STARTING TO GET THEM IN THE STRIKE ZONE MORE OFTEN

THE PITCHES HE THROWS DON'T FOLLOW THE SAME TRAJECTORY, IT'S HARD TO HIT...

guh...
K
Damm- it...

...
Are Sawamura's pitches that hard to hit?
I-it looks like that batter is doing all he can just to make contact!!
I WANT TO STAND IN THE BATTER'S BOX AGAINST HIM AT LEAST ONCE
I WONDER WHAT IT LOOKS LIKE UP FRONT?
His swing in middle school was much quicker than that!!
What's with that pathetic swing?
That fool Zaizen, he hasn't been practicing much, has he?
I can still do it...
I can still play.
...am-mit...

There's no way in hell I'm letting this end here!
HIS LEG...!!
Zaizen...
Zaizen ...
tsk.
AS A FRESHMAN, HE WAS THE VARSITY TEAM'S ACE AND CLEANUP HITTER I SAW ENDLESS DREAMS BECAUSE OF HIS TALENT, BASEBALL SENSE AND POTENTIAL
IF THINGS HAD GONE THE WAY I PLANNED, WE'D HAVE YOU AS OUR CENTERPIECE THIS SUMMER AS WE AIMED FOR THE CHAMPIONSHIP. HOWEVER...

IF IT WASN'T FOR THAT ACCIDENT LAST YEAR,
WHERE YOU TORE YOUR LEFT ACL.
Rah!

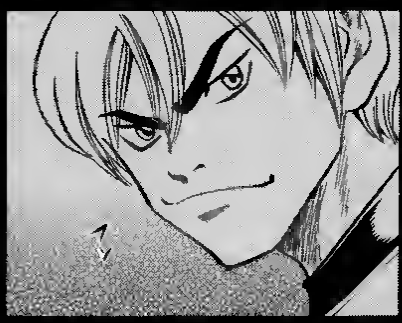
FOUL!!
You'll definitely get a hit off of this guy!!
Alright, you got the right timing down!
That
was close!
All of you are way too small...
Hmph, why are you getting so worked up over a practice match?
ZAIZEN...
It looks like I'll need to show you the grand dreams that I have for us...
Zaizen!
Zaizen, get us a hit!!
K
Zaizen!
秀士館

HIGH SCHOOL?
I'M GOING TO SEIDOU.

TSK! WHY ARE YOU GOING THAT FAR AWAY?
I'M GOING TO KOKUSHI, IT'S REALLY CLOSE

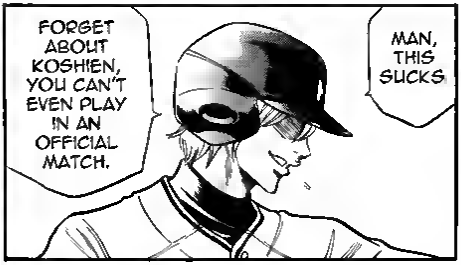
IF YOU AND I TEAM UP, WE'LL BE ABLE TO RULE THE COUNTRY!
YO, CHRIS WHAT HIGH SCHOOL ARE YOU GOING TO?

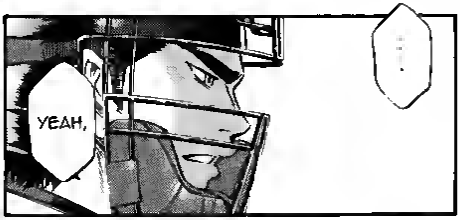
THE ONLY PLACE THAT THE TWO OF US CAN MEET AGAIN, IS KOSHIEN
SO WHAT THIS MEANS, IS WE'RE NOW IN THE EAST AND WEST.



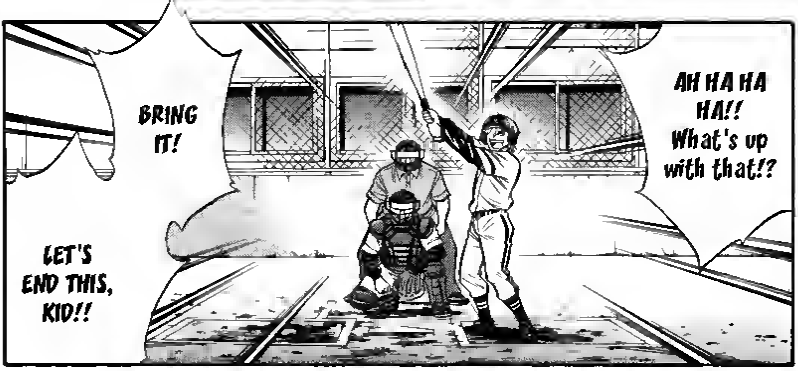
DON'T BETRAY MY TRUST IN YOU, CHRIS.
YEAH, SAME GOES TO YOU, ZAIZEN.

NEITHER OF US CAN.


FORGET ABOUT KOSHIEN, YOU CAN'T EVEN PLAY IN AN OFFICIAL MATCH.
MAN, THIS SUCKS


YEAH,
...

IT'S NOT LIKE I KNOW WHERE THE BALL IS GOING EITHER.
DON'T WORRY,
STOP TRYING TO AVOID THIS SHOWDOWN WITH YOUR CRAPPY GAME CALLING!!


BRING IT!
AH HA HA HA!! What's up with that!?
LET'S END THIS, KID!!

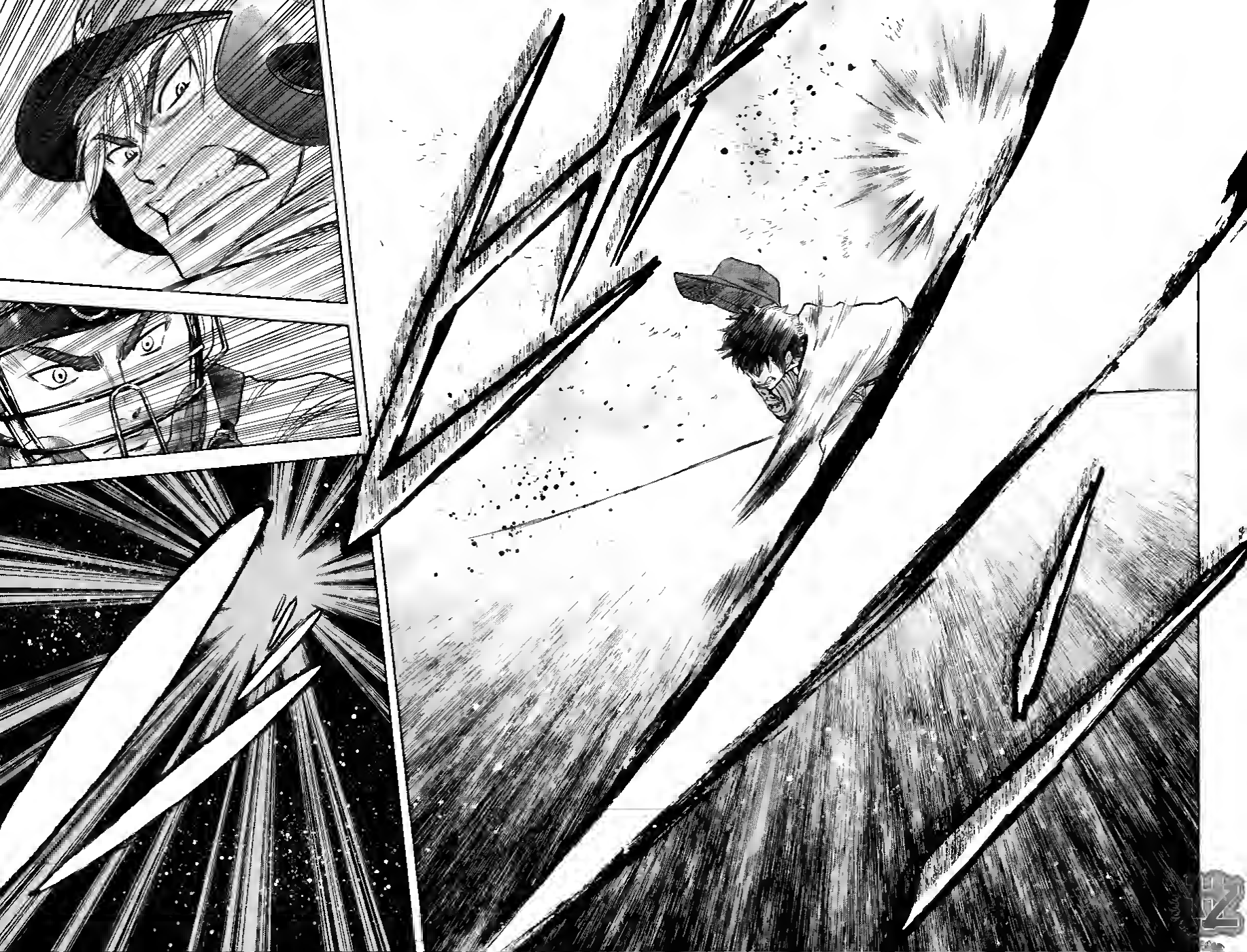
THIS IS THE LAST INNING
ALLOTTED TO ME.
チーム 一 二
黒十館 0 0
青道 2 1
S
B
O
OH, WHAT A COINCIDENCE,
I DON'T WANT TO TEAM UP WITH A LITTLE SHIT LIKE YOU EITHER.
I'LL BE WAITING FOR YOUR BEST PITCH.
WOULD YOU...
WOULD YOU PLEASE TEACH ME, BASEBALL?
take it nice and easy.
Don't rush it.

ALTHOUGH IT'S ONLY BEEN 3 INNINGS OF PITCHING,

I WONDER IF...
I'VE SHOWN CHRIS-SENPAI JUST HOW MUCH I'VE MATURED?
HIS ORIGINAL FORM?
IT'S REALLY FAR.
BUT I WONDER,
IF I'VE GOTTEN...

A LITTLE BIT CLOSER...
TO THAT JERSEY NUMBER?
1
Oh...
Ohhhh-hhhh!

BRING HIM DOWN, ZAIZEN!!
It's WAYY too early for you to be playing in an official game!!
BRING IT!!
ALL I NEED TO DO IS THROW MY BEST TO HIS MITT...
RIGHT NOW.



Wild!

青道選手図鑑

Vol.5

滝川・クリス・優（3年）

・出身地　東京都

・ポジション　捕手

・右投げ右打ち

・血液型　B型

・青道 陰の実力者

・中学時代は
都内ナンバー1捕手と呼ばれた男

・肩を故障し今に至るが
同学年の選手からの信頼は厚い

・努力家で妥協しない性格

・野球の知識はチーム1

・先の見えないリハビリに目の輝きを失うが
沢村の前向きな性格に触発され
次第に輝きを取り戻す

・自分のリハビリに常に付き合ってくれる
父親を尊敬している

ダイヤのA
エース

AT THE VERY END, HE MADE THOSE MOTIONS HIS VERY OWN.
HE USED HIS OLD MOTION WITH THE HIGH LEG KICK, AND COMBINED IT WITH THE MOTION WHERE HE MAKES AN INVISIBLE WALL.

CHAPTER 36 THE END OF THE GAME, AND...

Oh.
Ohhhh-hhhh
うおおおお
He finally complimented me!!
Chris-senpai complimented me!!
HUH!? THAT'S WHAT YOU'RE HAPPY ABOUT!?

うおおお
WITH ONLY 3 INNINGS OF PITCHING, HE HAD 6 WALKS
EVEN WITH THE HIGH PITCH COUNT, HE MANAGED TO HOLD THEM OFF...
チーム
黒士館
青道
0
0
0
2
1
to no hits,
and no runs!!

おおおお
I CAN'T TELL WHETHER OR NOT HE'S GOOD, OR BAD AND JUST LUCKY
WHAT KIND OF PITCHING STATS ARE THESE?
HOW LONG ARE YOU GOING TO HOWL LIKE THAT?

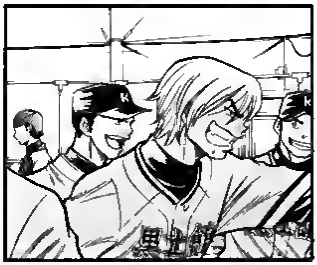
WHAT A RIDICULOUS PITCHING MOTION!
WITH THAT, IT'S REALLY HARD TO GET A READ ON THE BALL!
青道
IT'S BECAUSE HE'S A ROOKIE THAT DOESN'T KNOW THE HARSHNESS OF BASEBALL THAT HE CAN DO THAT.
I WONDER IF I'D BE ABLE TO HIT HIM?
I'M GOING TO NEED TO HAVE A LITTLE SPARRING MATCH WITH HIM LATER TO MAKE SURE THIS DOESN'T GO TO HIS HEAD.
川
A
ARE YOU SERIOUS?
THAT GUY ACTUALLY
HA HA HA! HE NEVER CEASES TO AMAZE ME!
ON TOP OF BEING STUPID, IT'S HARD TO IMAGINE WHAT HE'LL DO NEXT.

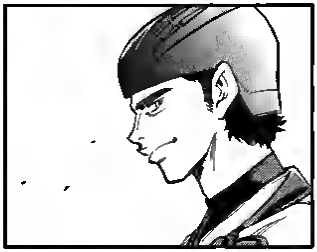
IF YOU DON'T WATCH OUT, HE'LL PASS YOU UP SOON
.....
hm?
ガッ
I've...
never once thought that I was better than him.
青道
IS IT ALRIGHT IF I TAKE A COUPLE LAPS AROUND THE FIELD?

And I'm ignored again.
HAHAHA!! GO AHEAD AND RUN!! RUN UNTIL YOU PUKE!!
IT'S NOT LIKE YOU HAVE STAMINA ANYWAY!!
Zaizen!!
Zaizen!!
Zaizen!!
SHUT UP. DON'T COME TO ME WITH THAT LOOK ON YOUR FACE
THERE'S STILL A LOT OF BASEBALL TO PLAY!
YOU GUYS REALLY DON'T THINK BIG, DO YOU!

NOW HURRY UP AND GET TO YOUR POSITIONS,
DAMN FOOLS!!

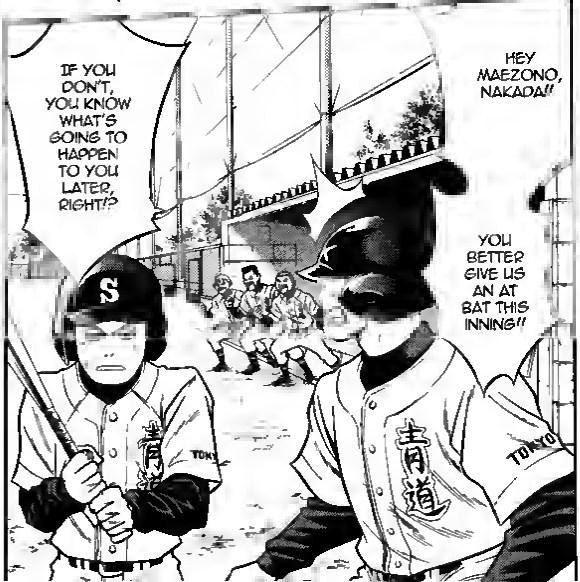
Dammit, how long do you plan on crying for!!?
That's fine, dammit, walk on your own!!
ズル
ズル
I'LL... I'LL DO IT I'LL TRY AS HARD AS I CAN...

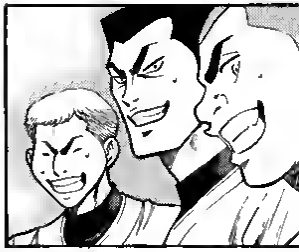




SHUT UP AND DO AS I SAY!
Or does that mean you're totally done with me?
BUT IT'S STILL OUR TURN TO BAT... the bottom of the 3rd
CHRIS...
HUH?
SAWAMURA, YOU'RE BEING SUBBED
DO SOME LIGHT THROWS AND GET SOME ICE ON YOUR SHOULDER
Got it?
You're being subbed for too,
YES,
THANKS FOR THE OPPORTUNITY.
.....

RILL: HAHA.. SORRY FOR THE JOKE PAGE, BUT IT WAS SO FUNNY, I COULN'T THREW IT OUT XD // KUDOS TO MILLO





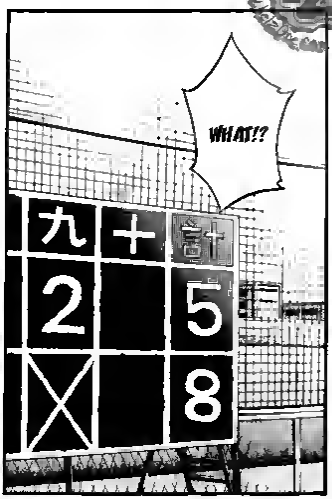
COLD
HEAT
THERE ARE ONLY 2 MORE SEATS LEFT ON THE VARSITY TEAM
I WONDER WHO THE COACH WILL PROMOTE?

OR WILL HE TAKE A GAMBLE ON THE GUY WITH THE HIGHEST CEILING?
PROVEN FIRE POWER?
EXPERIENCE?
YEAH, YOU HAVE A POINT THERE
HMPH, JUST BECAUSE YOU'RE ON THE VARSITY TEAM, THAT DOESN'T AUTOMATICALLY MAKE YOU A STARTER
IN FACT, THE HARD PART IS JUST BEGINNING
IT'S NOT LIKE WE HAVE THE LUXURY OF WORRYING ABOUT OTHERS,
WE NEED TO GET BACK TO OUR OWN TRAINING
....
WHAT AWAITS THEM IS OUR HELLISH SUMMER TRAINING CAMP!
THERE'S NO GETTING AROUND THE CRUCIBLE THAT'S WAITING FOR YOU!

BUT I DO HAVE SOMEONE I'M REALLY HOPING FOR!!
IT'S THE COACHES DECISION WHO MAKES THE VARSITY TEAM,
青道

S
B
O
チーム 一 二 三 四 五 六 七 八 九 計
先1校 0 0 0 2 0 1 0 0 2 5
後2校 2 1 2 0 1 0 2 0 X 8

ON WHO MAKES THE VARSITY TEAM?
YOU MEAN YOU'VE ALREADY DECIDED...

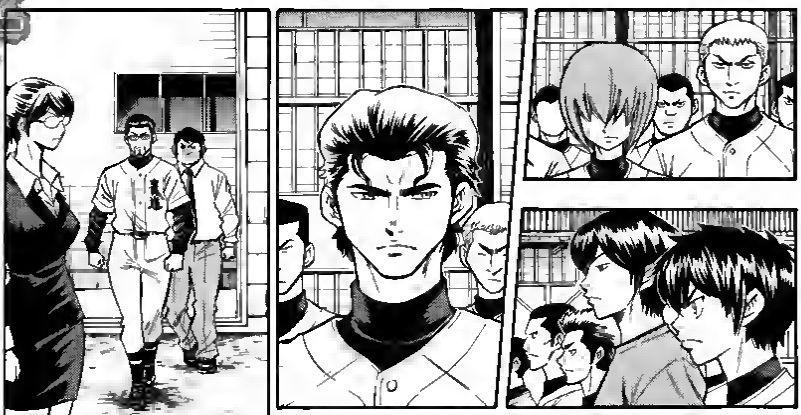

WHAT!?
九 + 計
2 5
X 8

YEAH
...

THE BATTLE FOR SUMMER SUPREMACY HAS ALREADY BEGUN
WE CAN'T BE WASTING TIME HERE ON WHO MAKES THE TEAM OR NOT.
.....!!

.....
GATHER ALL THE BOYS RIGHT NOW.
SURE

*SIGN: RULE THE COUNTRY.



I'm going to name the two people that have made the varsity team now.
THOSE WHO MAKE THE VARSITY TEAM, DO KEEP IN MIND THAT YOU'RE THERE AS A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ENTIRE SCHOOL.
AND THOSE WHO DIDN'T MAKE THE TEAM, PLEASE CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THOSE THAT DID UNTIL THE TOURNAMENT OFFICIALLY STARTS
THIS DECISION WAS MADE BASED ON THE PRACTICE MATCHES WE'VE HAD SO FAR.

LEFT SIGN: LEARN TODAY RIGHT SIGN: ALL FOR ONE.

CHAPTER 37: BECOME STONGER

FIRST YEAR, KOMINATO HARUICHI
AND ANOTHER FIRST YEAR, SAWAMURA EIJUN.

THAT'S ALL
……

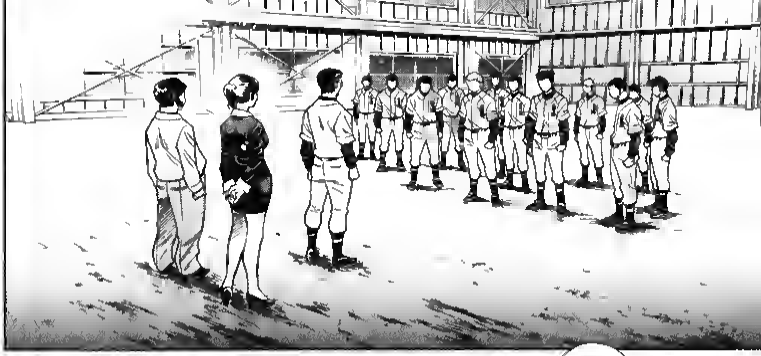
EH?
.....

WAIT A MINUTE...
EH?!

WHAT ABOUT CHRIS-SENPAI?!
.....
THEY WILL BE PRACTICING FOR IT STARTING TOMORROW. YOU CAN ALL GO FOR TODAY.
THE THIRD YEARS WHO WEREN'T CHOSEN ARE TO STAY BEHIND!
THESE TWO MEMBERS WILL BE ADDED TO THE 20 NAMES PLAYING IN THE SUMMER
TOKYO

青道

WHAT ARE YOU DOING SPACING OUT LIKE THAT?
ドカッ
HEY!
!!
LET'S GO
.....



目指せ!!甲子園!!
心技一体のプレー
THESE PAST TWO YEARS
YOU ALL REALLY DID WELL

BUT YOU ALL DECIDED TO STAY.
FOR STAYING WITH ME ALL THESE YEARS...
青道
TOKY

YOU'VE ENDURED FIERCE BATTLES AND EXCRUCIATING PRACTICES ALL FOR THE SAKE OF BECOMING REGULARS

YOU'VE HAD SO MANY PAINFUL AND SAD MEMORIES...

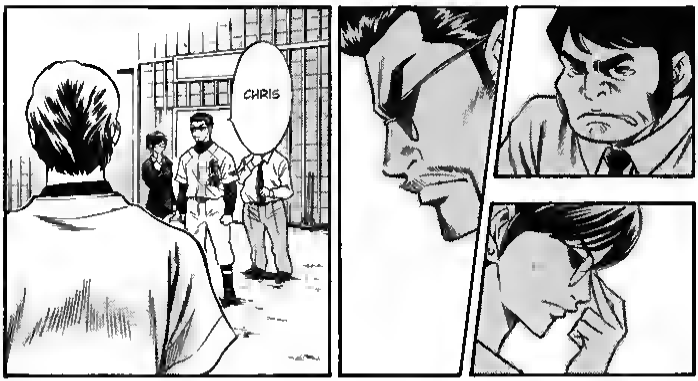
スッ
I WAS AND WILL ALWAYS BE
PROUD OF YOU ALL.

UGH...
!!!
....

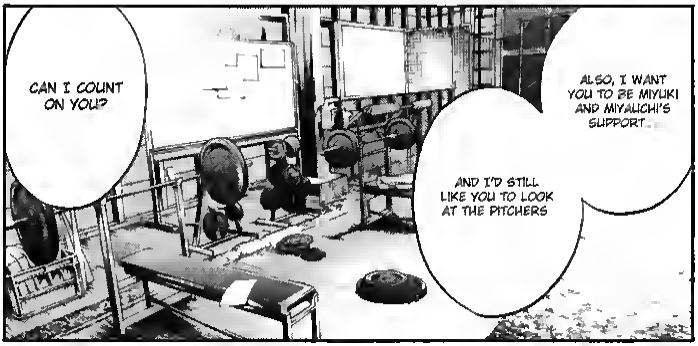
WE DON'T HAVE ANY REGRETS...
U...
EVEN IF WE WEREN'T CHOSEN...
WE WERE PREPARED...
UGH...

IT REALLY IS PAINFUL
BUT...

OUR SUMMER
ENDS HERE.
U—
UGH
U


CHRIS

YOU HAVE A FUTURE AS A PLAYER.
THAT'S WHY YOU HAVE TO COMPLETELY HEAL YOUR SHOULDER.

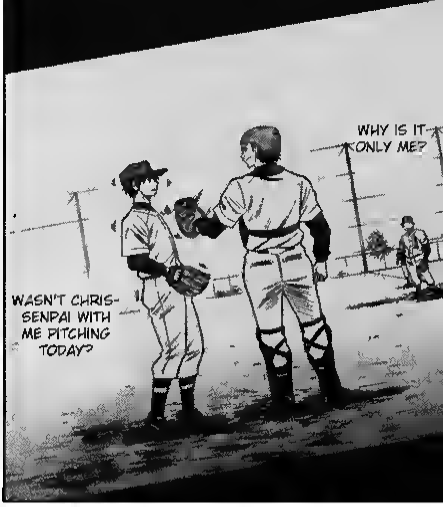

ALSO, I WANT YOU TO BE MIYUKI AND MIYAUCHI'S SUPPORT.
AND I'D STILL LIKE YOU TO LOOK AT THE PITCHERS
CAN I COUNT ON YOU?

WILL THAT BE OKAY? MY

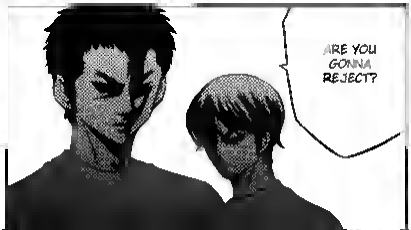
MIGHT BE HARDER THAN THE COACH'S.
MY TRAINING
YEAH.
THANKS
I HAVE NO REGRETS
AS A PITCHER.
IN THE END.
YES, OF COURSE!
ALL OF YOU BETTER SUPPORT SEIDOU'S FIRST STRING MEMBERS TOO!

……
I WAS ABLE TO THROW MY BALL.
青道

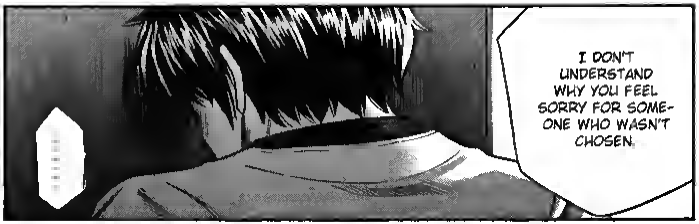
(HE'S THE) ONE WHO'S AMAZING
HE BROUGHT FORTH MY POWER


WHY IS IT ONLY ME?
WASN'T CHRIS-SENPAI WITH ME PITCHING TODAY?

DO YOU PLAN ON LEAVING?


ARE YOU GONNA REJECT?

NO MATTER WHAT WE SAY, THE COACH ACKNOWLEDGED YOU
AS OUR RIVAL, THAT IS.


I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY YOU FEEL SORRY FOR SOMEONE WHO WASN'T CHOSEN.

THERE'S ONLY ONE THING WE CAN DO NOW
S

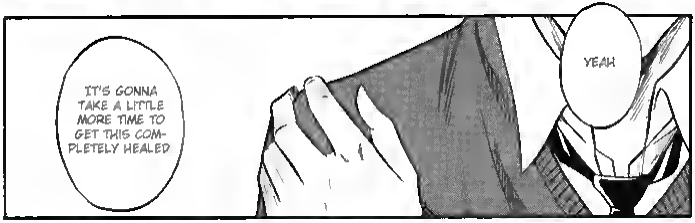
WE NEED TO GET STRONGER
FOR ALL THOSE WHO WEREN'T CHOSEN.
青道

.....
WITH THIS
THE ONLY THING WE CAN DO IS MOVE FORWARD
ME
AND YOU
I'M GOING TO FIGHT TIL THE END.

BECOME STRONGER
THAT'S WHY YOU SHOULD...
FOR CHRIS-SENPAI
BECOME STRONGER.

CHAPTER 38: HE CHANGED?

SO YOUR SHOULDER'S CONDITION STILL REALLY ISN'T IN A GOOD CONDITION, HUH.

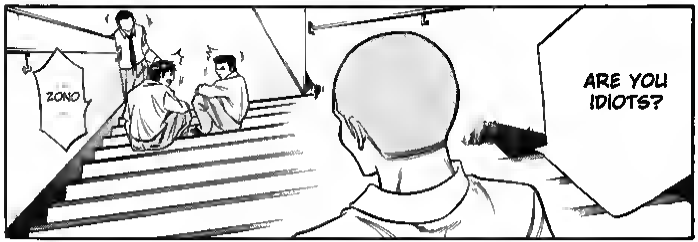

YEAH.
IT'S GONNA TAKE A LITTLE MORE TIME TO GET THIS COMPLETELY HEALED

BUT, I DON'T REGRET ANYTHING.
I'M THANKFUL FOR THE COACH FOR PUTTING ME IN THE GAME

SO IT'S ALL UP TO YOU NOW
I WONDER HOW LONG THIS SUMMER IS GONNA BE...
I'LL BE WATCHING THE TEAM FROM BEHIND THE SCENES
THIS IS LAST SUMMER. I WANTED TO
PAIR UP WITH YOU IN A BATTERY.
WHAT DO YOU MEAN YOU DON'T REGRET ANYTHING?
IDIOT...

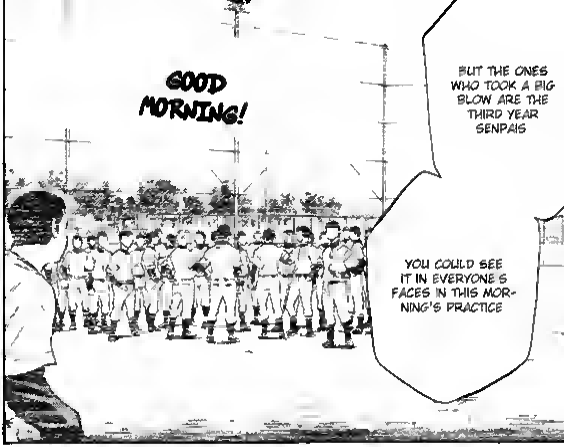
YOU TOO?
AH— I CAN'T ACCEPT THIS
OF COURSE!
I CAN UNDERSTAND WHY RYOUSUKE-SAN'S BROTHER MADE IT BUT
WHY WAS THAT SAWAMURA GUY CHOSEN TOO?
WASN'T HE PRETTY USELESS?
EVEN DURING THAT GAME IF IT WEREN'T FOR CHRIS-SENPAI HE WOULD'VE BEEN ALL OVER THE PLACE
HE COULDN'T EVEN SET THE PLAY
IF SOMEONE LIKE HIM GOT IN TO THE FIRST STRING, THEN THE OTHER SENPAIS SHOULD'VE BEEN CHOSEN INSTEAD

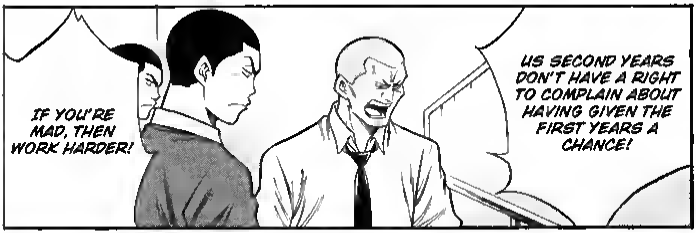
THE COACH REALLY IS A MONSTER
WE WERE CASTED AWAY JUST LIKE THAT


ARE YOU IDIOTS?
ZONO

WE'RE A TEAM THAT ALWAYS AIMED FOR KOUSHIEN
IT'S A COMMON THING TO BENCH PLAYERS THAT THEY WILL BE SUPPORTING THE TEAM IN THE YEARS TO COME!
I KNOW THAT!
BUT AREN'T YOU MAD?!
OF COURSE I AM!

!


GOOD MORNING!
BUT THE ONES WHO TOOK A BIG BLOW ARE THE THIRD YEAR SENPAIS
YOU COULD SEE IT IN EVERYONE'S FACES IN THIS MORNING'S PRACTICE


IF YOU'RE MAD, THEN WORK HARDER!
US SECOND YEARS DON'T HAVE A RIGHT TO COMPLAIN ABOUT HAVING GIVEN THE FIRST YEARS A CHANCE!

YOU'LL SEE!
I'LL MAKE IT TO NEXT YEAR!

WORK HARDER...

R-right?
2-B
Seems like it's going to be hot this year.
I'M LOOKING AT OUR SCORE BOOK FROM KOKUSHI'S GAME
WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING AT WITH THAT SERIOUS FACE OF YOURS MIYUKI?
YOU REALLY LIKE LOOKING AT THAT KIND OF THINGS HUH?
WELL, THIS IS MY JOB TOO

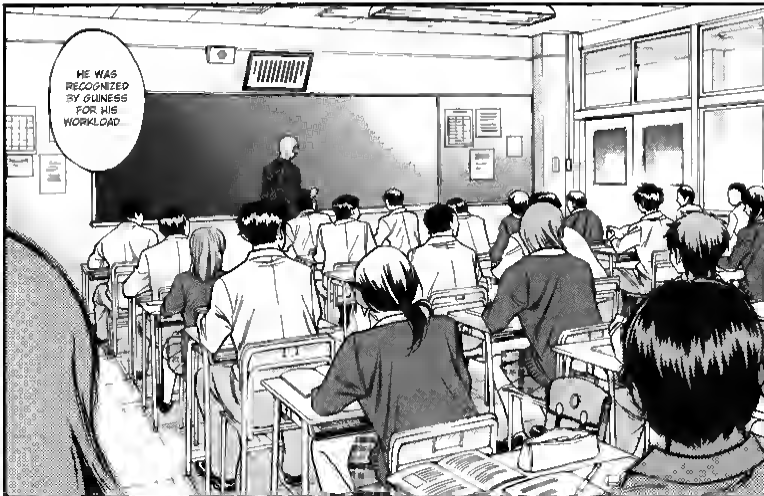
TRUTHFULLY, I TOO
DIDN'T EXPECT THAT SAWAMURA'S GONNA GET PICKED WITHIN THIS SHORT PERIOD OF TIME
WELL... ISN'T THIS ALL THANKS TO CHRIS-SENPAI?
Hehe
BUT DO YOU THINK THAT GUY CAN TURN AROUND?
HE WAS CRYING ALL NIGHT LAST NIGHT TOO!
SHUT UP!!
HOW LONG ARE YOU GONNA KEEP ON CRYING!!
NO MATTER HOW YOU LOOK AT HIM, HE'S THE KIND OF PITCHER WHO THROWS WITH HIS FEELINGS.
IT'LL BE GOOD IF IT DOESN'T AFFECT HIS PITCHING FROM HERE ON OUT THOUGH
HE'LL TURN AROUND.

I'LL MAKE HIM DO SO.

YOU SAID IT IDIOT!
I HATE THAT PART OF YOU!!
HAHA, WELL THANKS
I'M NOT PRAISING YOU!!
WITH THAT ATTITUDE, NO ONE'S GONNA KNOW WHO YOU ARE.

E

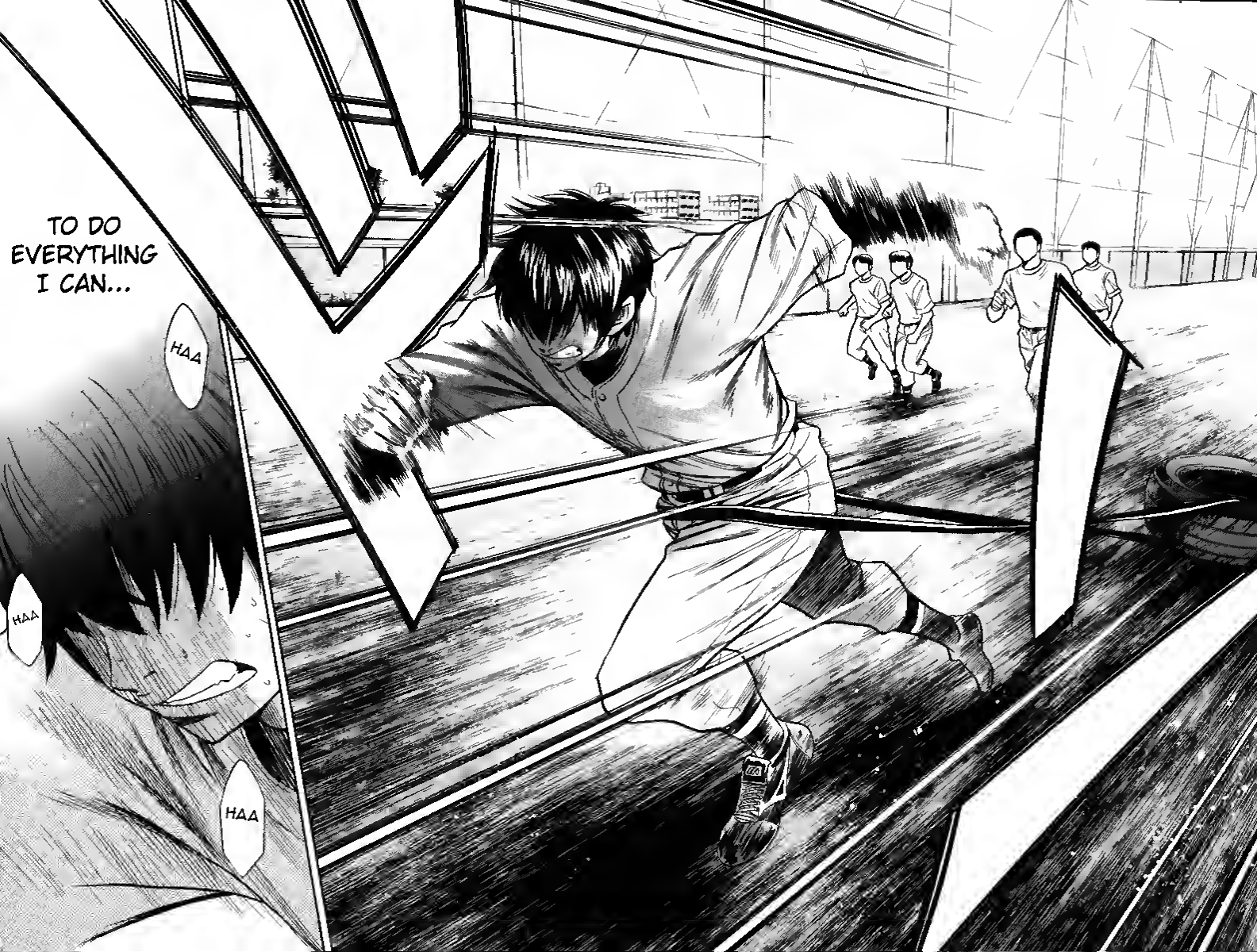
[T/N: MINO MONTA IS A JAPANESE TELEVISION PRESENTER HE IS RECOGNIZED BY THE GUINNESS WORLD RECORDS AS BEING THE TV HOST WITH THE MOST HOURS OF LIVE TV APPEARANCES IN A WEEK COURTESY OF WIKIPEDIA]

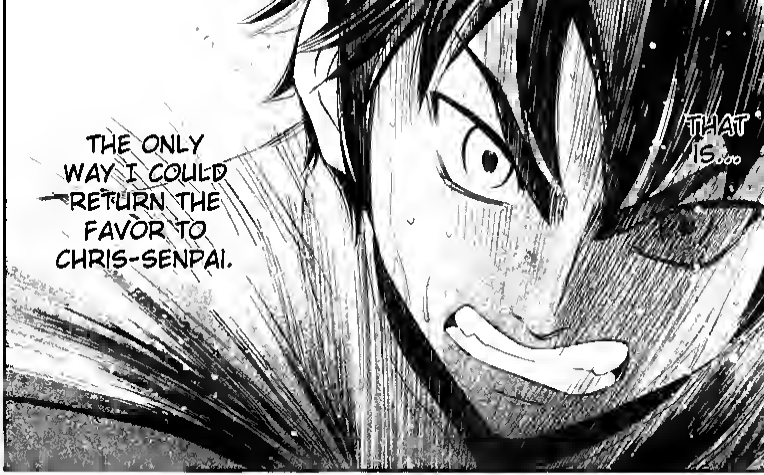


SAWAMURA-KUN CHANGED?
IT SEEMS LIKE EVER SINCE HE GOT PROMOTED TO FIRST STRING,
HE HASN'T SLEPT EVEN ONCE YET...
This is strange.
HE'S BEEN LISTENING TO THE LESSONS SINCE THIS MORNING
HE ALWAYS SAID HE WANTED TO BE THE ACE...
I THOUGHT HE WAS GOING TO BE HAPPIER THAN THIS
I'M FINALLY ABLE TO REACH HIM...
SIGH

THERE'S ONLY ONE THING WE CAN DO NOW.
WE NEED TO GET STRONGER FOR ALL THOSE WHO WEREN'T CHOSEN.
. . . .
STRONGER . .

STRONGER...


TO DO EVERYTHING I CAN...
HAA
HAA
HAA


THE ONLY WAY I COULD RETURN THE FAVOR TO CHRIS-SENPAI.
THAT IS...

HE'S GETTING PUMPED UP
TO MYSELF! OR TO BASEBALL!
ズダダダダ
UWOAHHH!! I WON'T LOSE!!

...

AH— HE SPED UP
ダッ

THAT'S HIS STRONG POINT
ONCE HE DECIDES ON SOMETHING, HE MOVES FORWARD

I WONDER IF YOU THINK IT'S STILL TOO EARLY FOR ME TO BE IN THE FIRST STRING...
YOU DIDN'T EVEN ONCE LOOK ME IN THE EYE, ANIKI.
I HAVE TO DO MY BEST TOO OR ELSE
HEHE
10 MORE LAPS!!

IT'LL BE A PROBLEM IF HE WASN'T LIKE THAT
HIS ATTITUDE OF MOVING FORWARD...
THAT'S SAWAMURA'S BEST WEAPON
THAT BASTARD! HE'S GETTING PUMPED UP!
HAHAHA! WE WERE WORRYING ABOUT NOTHING!
UWAH!
青道

CHRIS-SENPAI.

ザッ

HUH?
IT'S A LITTLE BIT RISKY THOUGH.

WE HAVE TO CONTROL OURSELVES OR ELSE WE'LL GET INTO TROUBLE ONCE WE'VE FORCED OURSELVES TOO MUCH
THERE ARE A LOT OF THINGS HE HAS TO REMEMBER

COACH KATAOKA.

IS THE REASON WHY YOU PUT TANI-BA IN THE BENCH
IS BECAUSE HE HASN'T IMPROVED?

HAHAHA. IS THAT A COMPLI-MENT?
THAT'S TRUE WELL HE IS AN IDIOT.
YEAH HE'S SOMEONE WHO DOESN'T KNOW WHEN TO STOP

IF WE DON'T WIN, THEN THERE'S NO POINT IN SHOWING THE NEXT BATCH OF HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL PLAYERS WHAT GOOD PITCHING IS...
HOW MANY STRIKE OUT HE'S DONE
OR HOW MANY HITS HE'S MADE,
NO MATTER HOW MESSED UP THE PITCHING IS,
A WINNING PITCHER
IS THE ACE I WILL ACKNOWLEDGE!
AND BECAUSE OF THAT...
THERE'S NO ONE YOU CAN CALL AN ACE IN THIS TEAM RIGHT NOW

WE'RE GOING TO RAISE AN ACE DURING THIS TRAINING CAMP FOR THE UPCOMING GAMES

I'M GOING TO LET THEM FIRST YEARS PITCH WITH THOSE ATTITUDES OF THEIRS!

青心寮

ムクッ

YOU'VE BEEN OVERWORKING YOURSELF
TRAINING CAMP STARTS TOMORROW, SO YOU SHOULDN'T OVERDO IT.

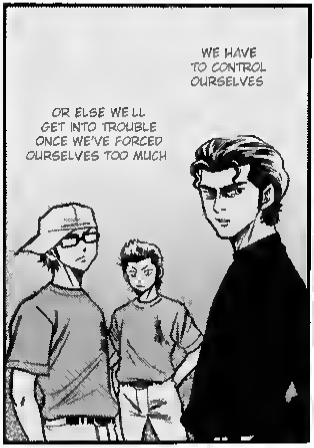
YOU BETTER STOP IT IT'S RAINING OUTSIDE

ARE YOU GONNA RUN TODAY TOO?

...

ガッ

I'M GOING
HEY!
DO YOU EVEN LISTEN TO WHAT OTHERS SAY?!


WE HAVE TO CONTROL OURSELVES
OR ELSE WE'LL GET INTO TROUBLE ONCE WE'VE FORCED OURSELVES TOO MUCH

I'LL BE FINE! I'M NOT GONNA LOSE TO SOMETHING LIKE RAIN!
ARE YOU AN IDIOT?! I DIDN'T MEAN IT LIKE THAT----

TCH!
IT'S AS CHRIS-SENPAI SAID
IS HE SERIOUS?!

CHAPTER 39: ON THAT RAINY DAY

THERE'S NOTHING I CAN DO.
THERE'S NOTHING I CAN DO ANY---
HEY.
COME WITH ME FOR A BIT, SAWAMURA.

GEH.

DON'T RUN AWAY!

AH, YES, AS YOU CAN SEE.
IS YOUR FINGER OKAY NOW?
FURUYA

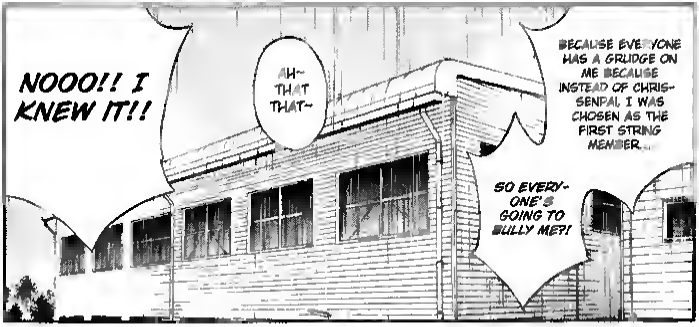
I THINK YOU ALREADY HEARD THIS FROM MIYUKI BUT YOU NEED TO HEAL THAT NAIL OF YOURS PROPERLY

I WANT TO HURRY UP AND PITCH.
YOUR EXPRESSIONLESS FACE MAKES IT SO I CAN'T READ YOU
ゴナナナオ
THE COACH SAID

YES
THEN THERE'S THE QUESTION OF YOUR STAMINA AND CONTROL

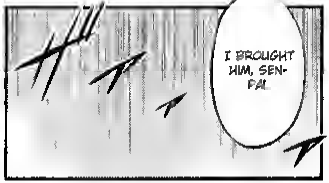
AH!
DON'T TELL ME!!

JUST FOLLOW ME
WHERE?!
IS THERE ANYTHING YOU NEED?
I'M ABOUT TO RUN RIGHT NOW


NOOO!! I KNEW IT!!
AH~ THAT THAT~
BECAUSE EVERYONE HAS A GRUDGE ON ME BECAUSE INSTEAD OF CHRIS-SENPAI I WAS CHOSEN AS THE FIRST STRING MEMBER...
SO EVERY-ONE'S GOING TO BULLY ME?!

COME AND GET ME!!
HE REALLY WAS GOING TO RUN DE-SPITE THE RAIN
(LOL)

No~
EVEN THOUGH I KNEW THE BEST THAT I WASN'T READY YET-!!


I BROUGHT HIM, SEN-PAI.

SEEMS LIKE IT
STA-MINA
MORNING EIJUN-KUN!
THAT AGAIN
DOPE
RPIECE

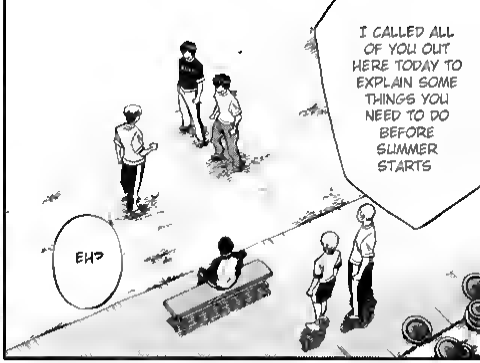
THAT WAS DIFFERENT FROM MINE THIS IDIOT
G... GOOD MORNING CHRIS-SENPAI!!

AH!

今日学べ
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?
SO THIS IS HOW THE SPORTS-MINDED THINK?!
WAIT. DON'T TELL ME CHRIS-SENPAI IS GOING TO TAKE ME OUT BY HIMSELF?!

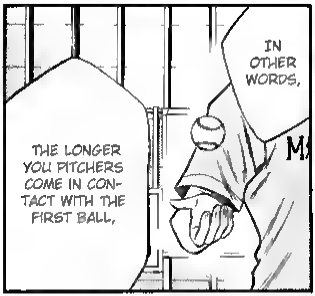
FURUYA.

SAWA-
MURA

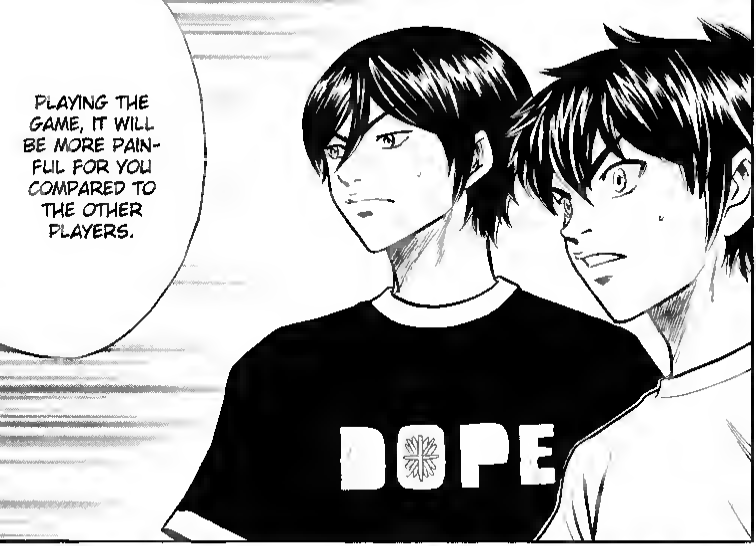

I CALLED ALL OF YOU OUT HERE TODAY TO EXPLAIN SOME THINGS YOU NEED TO DO BEFORE SUMMER STARTS
EH?

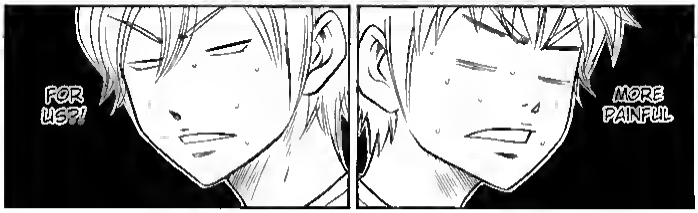
YOU CAN SAY THAT THE PITCHER'S RESPONSIBILITY IS HUGE
LISTEN BASEBALL IS THE KIND OF SPORTS WHERE THE GAME STARTS WHEN THE PITCHER THROWS THE BALL

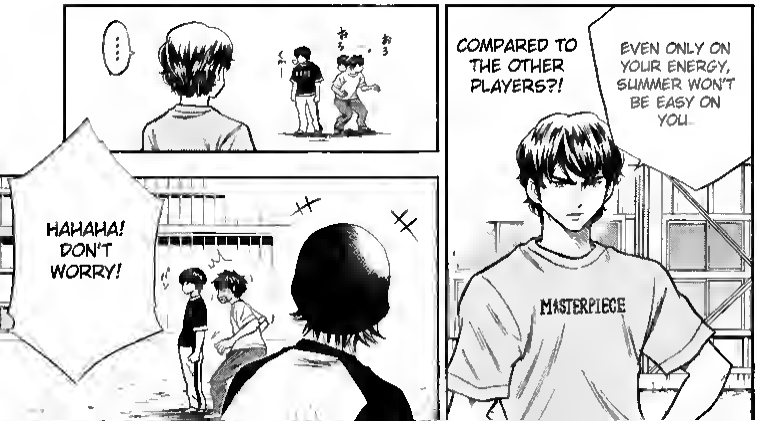
!


IN OTHER WORDS,
THE LONGER YOU PITCHERS COME IN CONTACT WITH THE FIRST BALL,

A LITTLE MISTAKE COULD COST THE TEAM
THE INFIELDER'S SET PLAY
THE BASEMEN FALL BEHIND


PLAYING THE GAME, IT WILL BE MORE PAINFUL FOR YOU COMPARED TO THE OTHER PLAYERS.
DOPE


FOR US?!
MORE PAINFUL


……
HAHAHA! DON'T WORRY!
COMPARED TO THE OTHER PLAYERS?!
EVEN ONLY ON YOUR ENERGY, SUMMER WON'T BE EASY ON YOU.
MASTERPIECE

THAT'S WHY WE'RE HERE.
IT'S NOT TEAM PLAY IF YOU GUYS ARE PLAYING ALONE.
QUIKSILVER

ㅡㅡ
ㅁㅇ

I CAME TOO!
Since Chris-senpai is my roommate

IDIOT! I CAN'T REFUSE IF CHRIS-SENPAI ASKS.
SORRY FOR CALLING YOU OUT, ZONO...
I DIDN'T FOLLOW YOU!

EH?
RUNNING WITH TIRES ISN'T PRACTICE ALONE
YOU SHOULD REMEMBER TO REST YOUR BODY TOO
SAWA-MURA
I'LL SAY THIS TO YOU TOO
WANT TO BE LIKE ME?
DO YOU
NO
EH?
YOU DON'T HAVE TO BURDEN YOUR-SELF WITH EVERYTHING ALONE
IT'S NOT A BAD THING TO BE CHOSEN AS A FIRST STRING MEMBER
!

FOR TODAY, YOU'RE GOING TO DO LIGHT TRAINING.
OKAY?
GEESH...
I'M SAYING TOO MUCH...
UGH...
CHRIS-SENPAI...
I...
I...

I...

EVERYONE'S GATHERED THIS SEEMS FUN~
♪
ガッ

YOU'RE SUCH A HANDFUL, KID!
ビクッ
HAHAHA! SAWA-MURA'S CRYING AGAIN!

YEAH FOR 5 PUDDINGS THOUGH
WE'LL GO ALONG WITH YOU TOO!
YOUNG AND PRETTY

KURA-MOCHI-SENPAI ...
ズビビビビビ
MUSUKO-SENPAI...

SAWA-MURA
DON'T MIS-UNDER-STAND
目指せ!! 甲子園!!
心技一体のプレー
OKAY, WE'RE DOING STRETCHES FIRST!
WE HAVE 5 PEOPLE ANYWAY
WAIT, AT LEAST REMEMBER TO DO THAT!!
I'M DOING THIS FOR THE TEAM
BOTH OF YOU HAVE BECOME FIRST STRING PITCHERS
I HAVEN'T
GIVEN UP THE ROAD TO BECOMING A PLAYER YET

TCH.

LET ME SAY THIS THOUGH IT'S GONNA BE HELL START-ING TOMOR-ROW
OKAY!
PLEASE TAKE CARE OF ME FROM HERE ON OUT!

WANT TO SEE HIM PLAY ONE MORE TIME...
I REALLY DO

WHY ?!
SUDDEN KICK!!

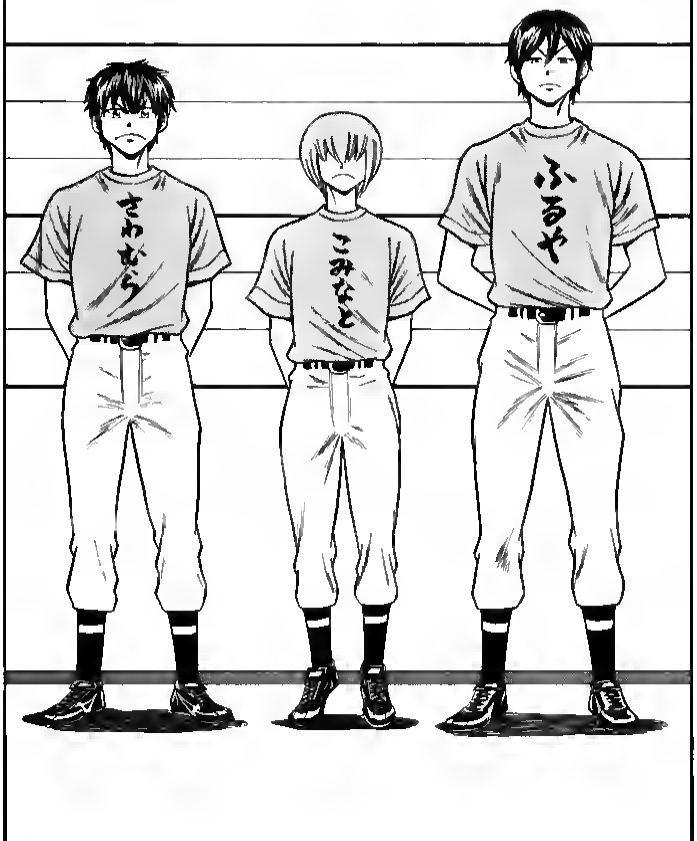
OH? WANT TO TRY AGAIN?
THAT HURTS!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
DOPE
WHY DON'T YOU JOIN THEM?
WELL, THAT GUY'S A MYSTERIOUS BEING.
Give up?
SOMEONE WHO GOES WITH HIS OWN PACE IS THE COMPLETE OPPOSITE OF ME
BUT YOU KNOW
ISN'T THAT GOOD ENOUGH FOR YOU?

YOU'RE THE KIND OF PITCHER
WHO DRAWS OUT THEIR POWER.
YEAH?
I'VE ALWAYS THOUGHT ABOUT THIS, BUT...
HAHA HA!
カーン
BESIDES, THERE ARE OTHER PITCHERS I'D LIKE TO LEAD TOO!
HAHAHA! WELL SAID!
今日学べ
MIYUKI-SENPAI IS YOUR PERSONALITY REALLY THAT NASTY?

THE ACE'S NUMBER IS MINE.
I WON'T HAND IT OVER TO ANYONE.

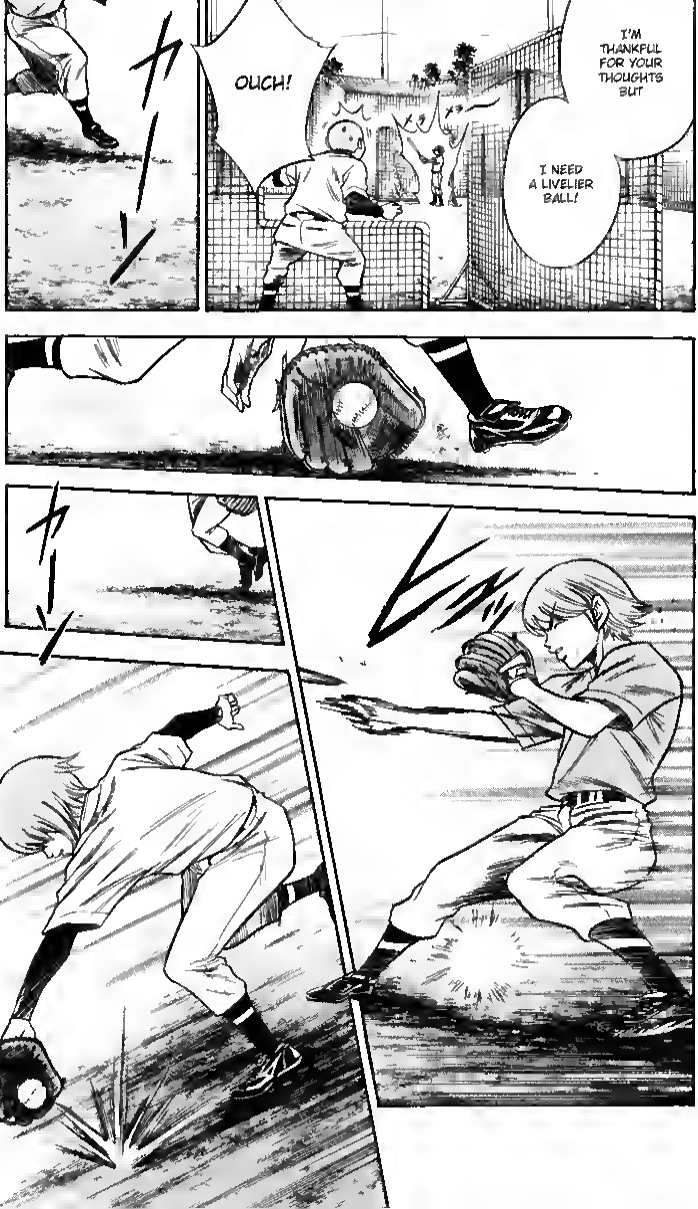
MIYAUCHI, CAN YOU COME WITH ME TO THE BULLPEN LATER?
ARE YOU GOING TO THROW? TODAY'S..
YEAH.
THERE'S SOMETHING I WANT TO TRY.

CHAPTER 40: TRAINING CAMP STARTS



2ND WEEK
OF JUNE

OH~
YO! OKAY, MASAHARU?
IT REALLY FEELS NICE WHEN YOU HIT A BALL!
UWAH
HERE I GO! YOU BETTER HIT THIS!
ALL OF YOU
I'M ONLY GETTING STARTED!
That's disastrous.
STUPID!
WE'RE HERE TOO!
THAT'S RIGHT, TETSU!
UNTIL YOU CAN'T TAKE IT ANYMORE JUST KEEP ON GOING!


I'M THANKFUL FOR YOUR THOUGHTS BUT
I NEED A LIVELIER BALL!
OUCH!

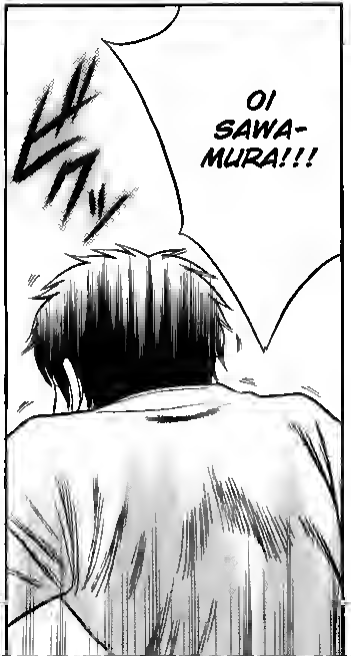
WHAT'S MORE IS THAT...
WHAT'S UP WITH THOSE TWO?
they're playing at full power
DAMN, HE'S GOOD!
HE'S A FIRST YEAR, BUT HE'S COMPLETELY WINNING AGAINST RYOUSUKE-SAN.
THEY'RE BROTHERS AND THEY EVEN HAVE THE SAME POSITION
SEMS LIKE RYOUSUKE-SAN DOESN'T LIKE THAT TOO

WE'LL START TO SEE DIFFERENCES FROM HERE ON OUT.
BUT, WELL...

ANSWER ME!
DO YOU EVEN KNOW WHERE THE RUNNER IS GONNA GO?!

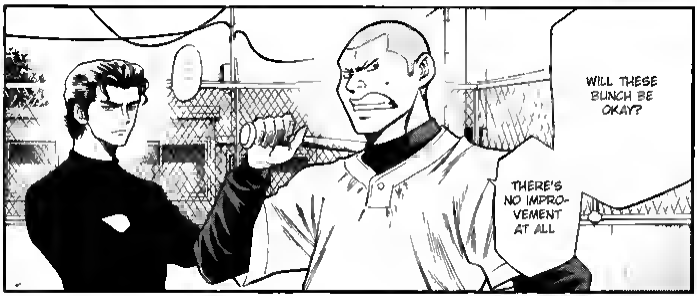
SECOND BASE
FIRST BASE AND

DON'T SPACE OUT WHILE YOU'RE ON THE MOUND!
BINGO!
THEN DON'T SEND THE BALL TO THE OUTFIELD! SEND IT BACK HOME!


OI SAWAMURA!!!

YOU TOO, DON'T HESI-TATE!!!
ポコッ

DON'T PLAY DUMB!!!


WILL THESE BUNCH BE OKAY?
THERE'S NO IMPRO-VEMENT AT ALL

TANBA, KAWAKAMI
GO AHEAD INTO THE BULLPEN

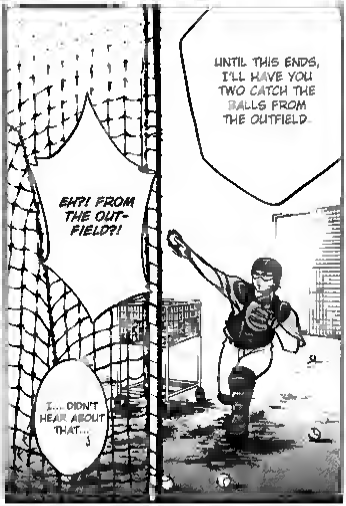
What about us?
EH?

WE IMAGINE DIFFERENT SITUATIONS BEFORE THE GAME STARTS AFTER THAT WE'LL HAVE TO LET OUR REFLEXES AND OUR BODY DO THEIR THING
IT'S OUR JOB TO THINK ABOUT THAT
DON'T MIND
Don't encourage me!!

ABLE TO PITCH PROPERLY, YOU'LL STAY HERE.
UNTIL YOU TWO ARE

OF COURSE
!!

BUT, NOT ONLY DO YOU HAVE TO CATCH THE BALL, YOU HAVE TO MAKE SURE TO BRING IT BACK HOME
GOT IT?


UNTIL THIS ENDS, I'LL HAVE YOU TWO CATCH THE BALLS FROM THE OUTFIELD
EH?! FROM THE OUTFIELD?!
I... DIDN'T HEAR ABOUT THAT...

BY THROWING FROM THE OUTFIELD, THEY COULD PRACTICE SOME DISTANCE THROWING
WAI CHRISSENFAI
I SEE

WHAT'S NEXT IS...
SEEMS LIKE THEY DON'T UNDERSTAND THAT AT ALL THOUGH (LOL)
IT'S LIKE KILLING TWO BIRDS WITH ONE STONE FOR THESE FIRST YEARS
IF YOU'RE ABLE TO THROW FAR, THEN YOU'LL ACQUIRE THE RIGHT REFLEX AND THE RIGHT FORM
HAHA — THE COACH AND CHRIS-SENPAI HAVE THOUGHT ABOUT A LOT OF THINGS HUH
O... Outfield.
THIS GUY'S STRIKING POWER
IT'D BE A WASTE IF HE JUST STAYS IN THE BENCH
IF YOU'RE GOING TO THE BULLPEN, THEN I'LL—
AH, TANBA-SAN
NO
I'LL HAVE MIYAUCHI CATCH FOR ME

...
GOT IT.
WE'LL FOCUS ON THAT TODAY TOO.
AH~ IT'S FINALLY STARTED!
GOOD AFTERNOON!
WITH THIS TRAINING CAMP STARTING, THERE'S NO DOUBT YOU CAN FEEL SUMMER IN THE AIR!
I HOPE NOBODY QUITS THIS YEAR TOO, THOUGH.
THE TEAM HAS ONE SPIRIT!
THAT'S THE AIM FOR THIS TRAINING CAMP.
WE'RE HOPING FOR THAT.

WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU DOING!!
DO YOU PLAN ON DOING THAT DURING A GAME TOO?!
Wahh
トボ
YOU WON'T ACCOMPLISH ANYTHING WITH CRYING!
Shit
WELL, LET'S SET THAT BOY ASIDE
Wahh

WITH THIS, I'LL BE ABLE TO WORK HARD ALL NIGHT LONG!
WAHA HA!
WE HAVE A LOT SO EAT ALL YOU WANT
AH... HAVE SOME MORE
YEAH!
POOR THING
HE'S DEFINITELY LYING
HE'S LYING
HE'S GONNA DIE
THE TRAINING CAMP THAT IS HELL...
IS ONLY ABOUT TO BEGIN
Hyahaha
LAST YEAR, JUN-SAN MADE ME EAT UNTIL I DIED TOO
I'M GLAD THIS GUY ISN'T MY SENPA!
Kekeke

GO
!!
U...
UWO AHH HHH H!!!
SO SOMETHING LIKE THIS IS NOTHING!
!!
!!
HEHE I ALWAYS RAN WITH TIRES.
20 DASHES IN BETWEEN POLES
EH?! ALREADY?!
GO, SAWAMURA!
WITH 90 SECOND INTERVALS

ダッ
OI!!!!
100 LAPS BASE RUNNING...
ハッ
ハッ
ハッ
ハッ
ハッ
青道

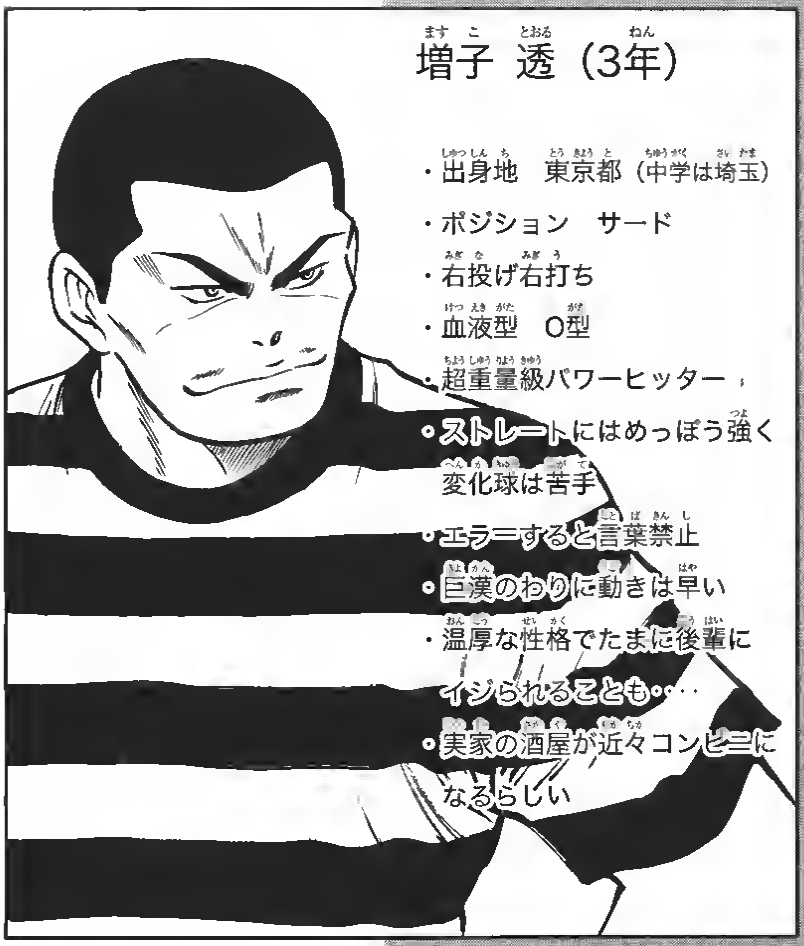
HEY! FIRST YEARS, STOP RESTING!
KEEP GOING!
M— MY BREATHING HASN'T...
GO, SAWA-MURA!
GO——!!
ARE YOU SERIOUS?!

WHAT THE HELL IS THIS?! THE PACE IS TOO FAST...
PLUS, THERE ARE A LOT OF PEOPLE TOO...
!!
!!
GO, FURU-YA!
RUN WITH ALL YOU CAN!!!
WHEN YOU REACH THE NEXT BASE, IT'LL BE OVER!!!
YOU WANT TO START ALL OVER AGAIN?!
EEK!

OKAY. WE'LL LEAVE IT TO HERE FOR TODAY.
I... I'M SAV
W... WE'RE GONNA DO THIS FOR A WHOLE WEEK?!
IS THIS GUY OKAY?
LAST BUT NOT LEAST, YOU'RE GOING TO SHOUT AND COUNT TO 20 AND RUN!
PFF ...
AND SO, THE HELL TRAINING CAMP HAS BEGUN!
FIRST YEARS! YOU'RE GONNA GET LEFT BEHIND!!
ONE TWO THREE
TO BE CONTINUED IN VOLUME 6

青道選手図鑑

Vol.6



増子 透（3年）

・出身地　東京都（中学は埼玉）
・ポジション　サード
・右投げ右打ち
・血液型　O型
・超重量級パワーヒッター，
・ストレートにはめっぽう強く
変化球は苦手
・エラーすると言葉禁止
・巨漢のわりに動きは早い
・温厚な性格でたまに後輩に
イジられることも・・・
・実家の酒屋が近々コンビニに
なるらしい

青道選手図鑑

Vol.7

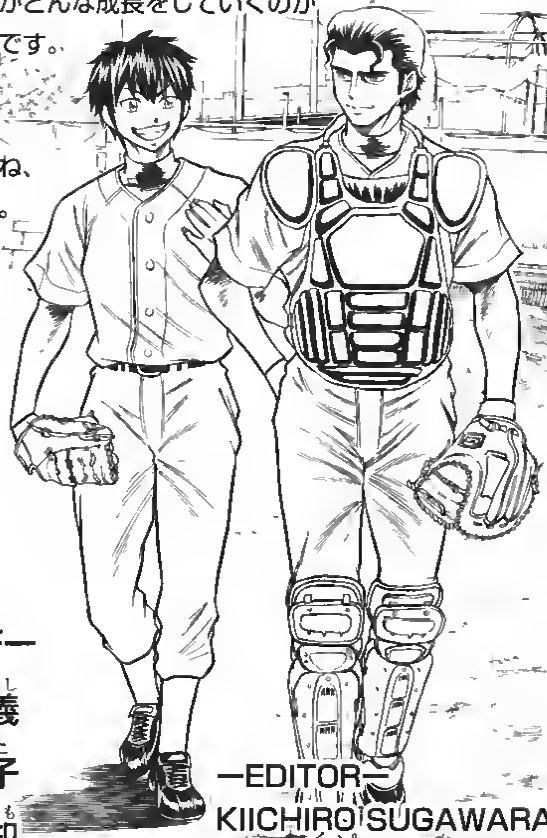
倉持洋一（2年）

・出身地　千葉県
・ポジション　ショート
・両投げ両打ち（基本は右投げ）
・血液型　A型
・俊足のスイッチヒッター
・小湊（兄）との二遊間は
鉄壁の守備力を誇る
・幼い頃レスリングをしており
運動神経はチーム1
・中学の時は問題児で
地元の高校から声が掛からず東京へ
・趣味　格闘ゲーム
沢村をイジメること

帯にコメントをもらった
ホークスの和田投手との対談は本当に楽しかった。
一瞬にして野球小僧に戻ってしまいましたから(笑)。
ちなみにグローブを潰すネタは和田投手の本から‥‥。
フォームを参考にしたのは
4巻でコメントをもらった藤井投手です‥‥。

これから栄純がどんな成長をしていくのか
自分も楽しみです。
ただ‥‥、
想像以上の
アホですからね、
こいつは(笑)。

寺嶋裕二



—STAFF—

栗栖正義
山田聡子
米澤孝知
河端美穂子

—EDITOR—

KIICHIRO SUGAWARA
MASAKATSU MINO
SHUJI SATO

地獄の合宿スタート!!
夏の本選直前の厳しい合宿メニューに
沢村・降谷・小湊の一年生トリオは耐えきれるか……!?
ヤバイ…もう体が…
動かん……
どうしたぁ!! もう声が出ないかぁ
ダイヤのA
Ace of Diamond
第6巻予告

あなたは、この本を読んで、どのような感想をおもちになりましたか。

このほかに、「講談社コミックス」の中で、どんな本を読まれましたか。

このつぎには、どんな作家の、どんなまんがを読みたいとお考えですか。

コミックス編集の参考にさせていただきたいと思います。「読後の感想」と合わせて、左記のところあてにお知らせください。

なお、お送りいただいたお手紙、おハガキにご記入いただいた郵便番号、住所、氏名などをふくんだ個人情報を、著者の先生にお渡しすることがありますので、ご了解のうえでお手紙をお送りください。

東京都文京区音羽二丁目十二番二十一号
（郵便番号 一一二―八〇〇一）
「講談社コミックス」編集部

講談社コミックス　三八二一巻
ダイヤのA⑤
2007年4月17日　第1刷発行
定価はカバーに表示してあります。

著者　寺嶋裕二
発行者　五十嵐隆夫
発行所　株式会社講談社
東京都文京区音羽二―一二―二一
（郵便番号一一二―八〇〇一）
編集部（03）五三九五―三四五九
販売部（03）五三九五―三六〇八

印刷所　株式会社廣済堂
本文製版所　豊国印刷株式会社
製本所　誠和製本株式会社

N.D.C. 726　189p　18 cm

落丁本・乱丁本は購入書店名を明記のうえ、小社業務部あてにお送りください。送料小社負担にてお取り替えいたします。
電話（03）五三九五―三六〇三
なお、この本についてのお問い合わせは、週刊少年マガジン編集部あてにお願いいたします。
©寺嶋裕二　二〇〇七年
本書の無断複写（コピー）は著作権法上での例外を除き、禁じられています。

ISBN978-4-06-363821-9
Printed in Japan

少年マガジン・コミックス

大好評発売中!!

好評続刊シリーズ

はじめの一歩 ①～㊾ 以下続刊 森川ジョージ
ひたむき少年、幕之内一歩の感動ボクシング巨編!!

Dreams ①～㊺ 以下続刊 原作／七三太朗 漫画／川三番地
性格は悪いが野球は凄い― 久里武志の痛快野球ストーリー!!

ゴッドハンド輝 ①～㉞ 以下続刊 山本航暉
新人外科医、真東輝!! そのメスが輝く瞬間、奇跡が起こる!!

ジゴロ次五郎 ①～⑳ 以下続刊 加瀬あつし
石川次五郎、エンジン全開!! 相棒と目指すはSAキング!!

ツバサ ①～⑱ 以下続刊 CLAMP
愛しいさくらを、きっと救う!! 小狼は次元を越えた旅に挑む―

魔法先生ネギま! ①～⑱ 以下続刊 赤松 健
立派な魔法使いになるため、ネギ（お子ちゃま）は女子校の先生に!?

エア・ギア ①～⑰ 以下続刊 大暮維人
A、Tを駆って街を走る樹と林檎に立ちはだかるは暴風族!!

OPEN SESAME ①～⑯ 以下続刊 河方かおる
謎の美少女、槙と出会い、大和の学校生活は嵐の気配!?

School Rumble ①～⑯ 以下続刊 小林 尽
天満ちゃんが好きな人を前に日々是、苦戦のラブコメディ♡

ぱすてる ①～⑯ 以下続刊 小林俊彦
大好きなゆうと一緒に暮らす!? 麦とゆうのピュア恋物語。

あひるの空 ①～⑮ 以下続刊 日向武史
149cm、最小の少年が見せる、最高のバスケストーリー!!

涼風 ①～⑮ 以下続刊 瀬尾公治
秋月大和・高1男子。住居は銭湯!? 女だらけに男が一人♡波乱の予感!!

ガチャガチャ ①～⑭ 以下続刊 玉越博幸
くしゃみ一つで女に変身!! 夢?の体を得た晃、彼が企むのは何!?

★品切れの時は、本屋さんに注文してください。

少年マガジン・コミックス

大好評発売中!!

好評続刊シリーズ

トッキュー!! ①～⑭以下続刊 原作／小森陽一 漫画／後藤ジロウ
自らの命を懸け、海を護る男達の頂点、それが特殊救難隊!!

おれはキャプテン ①～⑬以下続刊 コージィ城倉
野球漫画史上、もっともふさわしくないキャプテン誕生!?

OverDrive ①～⑩以下続刊 安田剛士
サエないミコトが特別な自転車と出会い変わり始める青春成長記!!

「コタローまかりとおる!」 ①～⑧以下続刊 蛭田達也
息子もタジタジの強い母は現役忍者。忍法炸裂で周囲は大混乱!!

さよなら絶望先生 ①～⑧以下続刊 久米田康治
超ネガティブ教師・糸色望。迷惑男で主人公。反面教師伝説発進!!

ケンコー全裸系 水泳部 ウミショー ①～⑤以下続刊 はっとりみつる
突然現れた南夏娘あむろのせいで、海猫商業水泳部の気温は上昇中!?

エリアの騎士 ①～⑤以下続刊 原作／伊賀大晃 漫画／月山可也
サッカーを愛する兄と弟。2つの魂が起こす奇跡の物語!!

ダイヤのA ①～⑤以下続刊 寺嶋裕二
名門校へ殴り込み!! 白球に懸ける沢村栄純の本格野球漫画!!

もう、しませんから。 ①～④以下続刊 西本英雄
西本英雄が気になるトコへ突撃取材!! 爆笑ズッコケルポ漫画。

新約「巨人の星」花形 ①～③以下続刊 原作／梶原一騎 川崎のぼる 漫画／村上よしゆき
これが野球!! これが伝説!! 天才打者・花形満の誕生物語!!

FAIRY TAIL ①～③以下続刊 真島ヒロ
やりすぎ上等!! 俺達が噂の魔導士ギルド・妖精の尻尾だ!!

スマッシュ! ①～③以下続刊 咲香里
もっと強くなる!! 運命の出会いが翔太を未知の世界へと導く!!

素敵探偵ラビリンス ①～③以下続刊 原作／万城めいと 漫画／若山晴司
旧都で起こる謎の「幻夢事件」。解決するのはキュートな名探偵!!

★品切れの時は、本屋さんに注文してください。

表紙&巻頭カラー&
対談記事&増ページ!!
圧倒的支持に応える
最高の満塁本塁打!!
エースの座を手にするのは、ただ一人
最新KC4巻大好評発売中!!
ダイヤのA
エース
第42話/エゴイスト
寺嶋裕二

ルBIG対談!!

寺嶋裕二先生と和田毅投手が先生を交換!!

ないAを!!」

4年振りの日本一を目指し、キャンプ地で猛練習に励む和田投手に、なんと寺嶋先生自身が直撃取材!! 野球について熱く語り合った夢のBIG対談の様子をどうぞ!!

リアルな描写に思わず自分の高校時代が重なります。(和田)

寺嶋先生(以下寺嶋) 今日はプロの練習を見学できた上に、和田さんと対談なんて感動です!!

和田投手(以下和田) 僕のほうこそ「ダイヤのA」は1話目から読んで、大ファンになった漫画なので、お会いできて…て感動してます!!

寺嶋 光栄です! どの辺を気に入ってもらえたんですか?

和田 まず寺嶋さんの絵柄が好きー。それとリアル感。たとえば沢村君は、敵にビンタしたり、タイヤを何個も引いたりと、すごく型破りなキャラで、漫画としてもおもしろいんですけど、それだけじゃなくて、現実にもこういう子がいるんじゃないかって思わせるリアルさがこの作品にはあると思います。

寺嶋 ありがとうございます。すごくうれしいです。ただ、この漫画を始める前はすごく不安もあったんですよ。

和田 どんな不安ですか?

福岡ソフトバンクホークス
和田毅投手

島根県立浜田高校のエースとして、甲子園ベスト8に輝く。その後、早稲田大学に進学。六大学野球の奪三振記録を更新。プロ入り後、新人王を獲得し、4年連続2桁勝利も達成した球界を代表する左腕。

『ダイヤのA』ホークスのエース、熱いエール

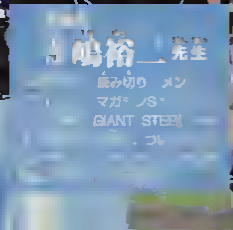
「誰にも負け目指そう

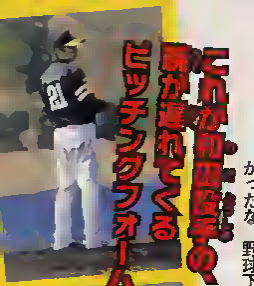
和田投手の腕の遅れるフォーム、沢村にもぜひ、教えて下さい(笑)。(寺嶋)

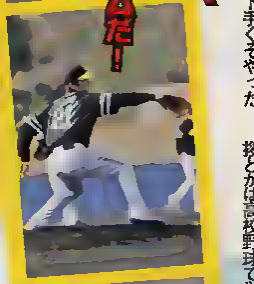
名門校って漫画では敵役に描かれることのほうが多いじゃないですか。野球部員をいじる意見だって少なくないなかで、一般的な読者に共感してもらえるのだろうかって。なるほど。僕も野球留学があるからこそ共感できるのかもしれませんね。だから、高校球児だった自分の体験を思い出して、3年生が投げる球ってのの時はものすごく速く見えるとか、監督がすごく怖かったなとか、部活をやっていたら誰もが体験することを織り交ぜることで、どこかしら共感できる部分を持ってもらえればと思って描くようにしています。

和田 なるほど。そういえば、沢村君が風呂に入る時に、監督の悪口を言っていて、湯船に入ろうとしたら、先に監督が入っていて気まずくなるシーンありましたよね、あれがめちゃめちゃ笑えました。

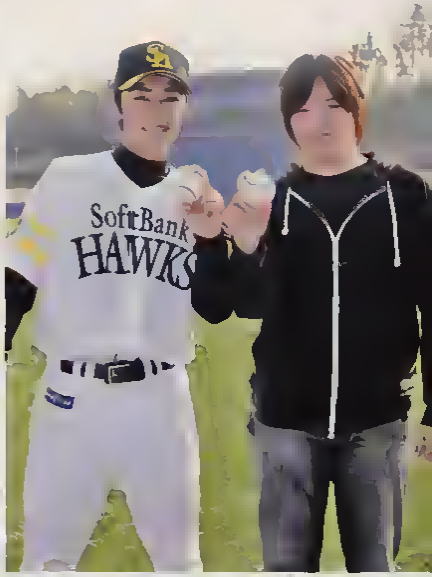
寺嶋先生が和田投手に贈った直筆サイン色紙！　似顔絵のそっくりさに和田投手も感動!!







これが和田投手の腕が遅れてくるヒッチングフォームだ！



和田投手はチームを日本一に導くことを寺嶋先生は更におもしろい漫画を描き続けることを誓い合った!!

「こうゆうの、あるある」って思って（笑）。僕も現役の時は監督が怖くて、自分からは話しかけれませんでした（笑）。卒業しちゃうと急にしゃべれるようになるんですけど。

寺嶋　僕も話せるようになったのは卒業してからですね。ただ、恩師に漫画の報告をしたら、「よかったな、野球で手くそやったもんな」って言われちゃいましたけど（笑）。

和田　ははは（笑）。

寺嶋　でもやっぱり、恩師というか、高校野球には今でもすごく感謝しています。野球の技術以外にも色々なことを教えてもらえたと思います。

和田　僕もですね。礼儀とか挨拶とかは高校野球で学びました。

沢村君はエースになれる！（和田）

『ダイヤのA』という作品名には2つの秘密があるんです!!（寺嶋）

目標は甲子園、目的は人間形成という学校だったので。

寺嶋　そうですよね。だから、この漫画でも、高校野球の人間形成という部分もしっかり描いていきたいなと思っています。

和田　それはすごくいいですね。ぜひお願いします！　ところで、一つお聞きしたいことが…。

寺嶋　なんでしょう？

和田　「ダイヤのA」というタイトルなんですが、やっぱり野球の内野の「ダイヤモンド」からつけたんですか？

寺嶋　それもありますが、もう一つ、宝石の「ダイヤモンド」のように、沢村は磨きに磨いて光り輝く「ダイヤの原石」なんだという意味から。

和田　なるほど！　沢村君が光り輝くエースになるのが楽しみですね。

寺嶋　僕も一つお聞きしたいのですが、和田さんにとってエースとはどういう存在ですか？

和田　こいつで負けたらしょうがないと思える投手ですね。

寺嶋　選手全員がですか？

和田　もちろん選手もそうですし、観客も、コーチも、監督も。その試合に関わるすべての人が、「こいつで負けたら、今日の試合は相手が上だった、しょうがない」って思える、逆に言えばそれぐらいの信頼感をもって試合を託すことができる投手がエースなんじゃないかなと思います。

寺嶋　なるほど。すごく参考になります！　今日はほんと、ありがとうございました!!

和田　いえいえ、僕もすごく楽しかったです。ありがとうございました!!

★対談はいかがでしたか？　本編は15Pから始まります!!